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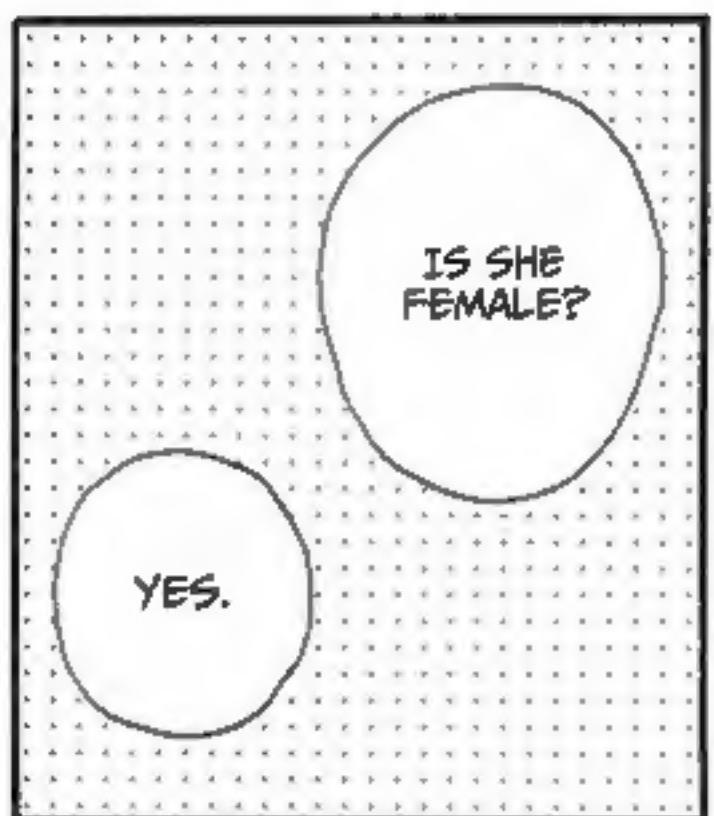
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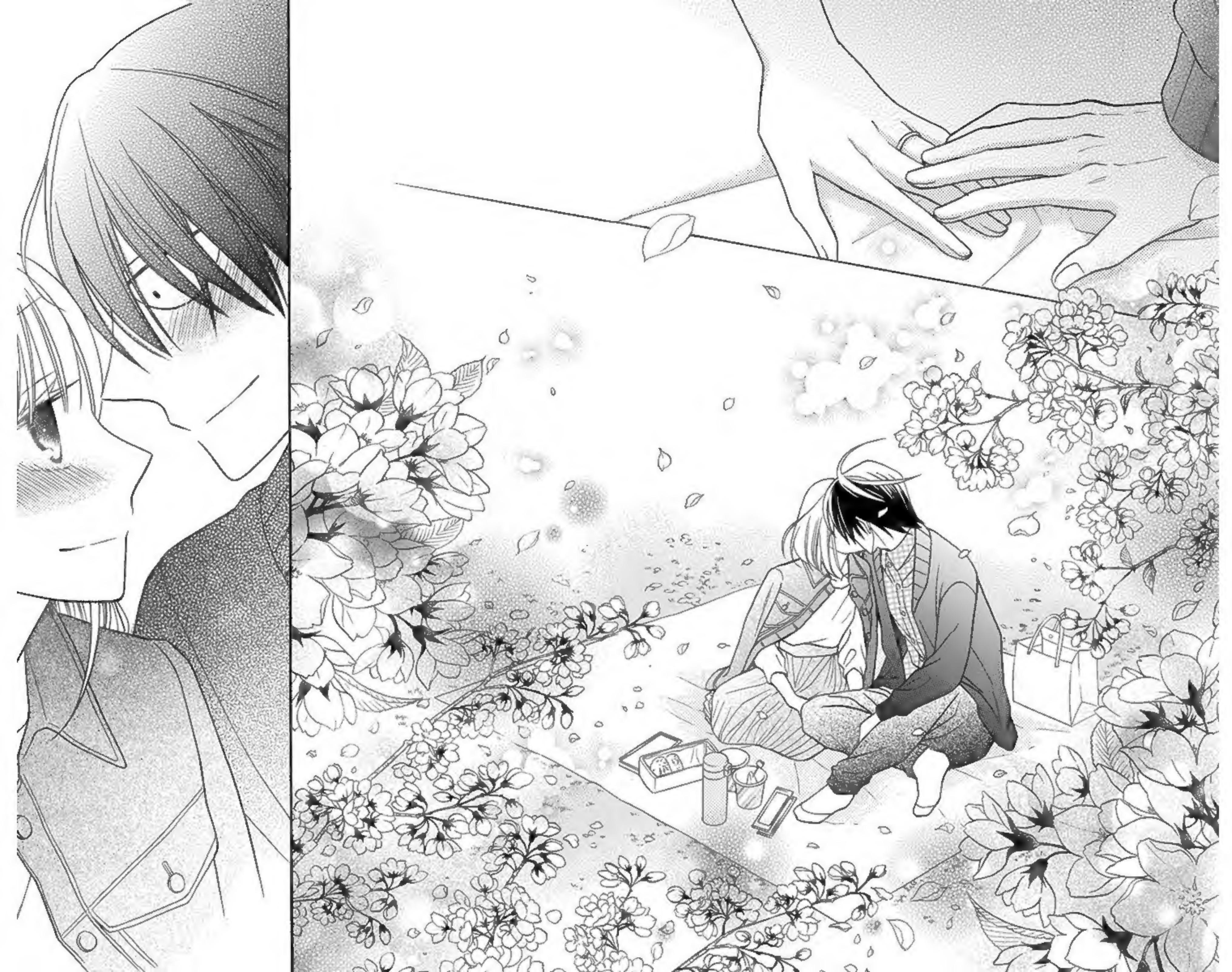




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GRIN

NICE TO
MEET YOU

SHATTER



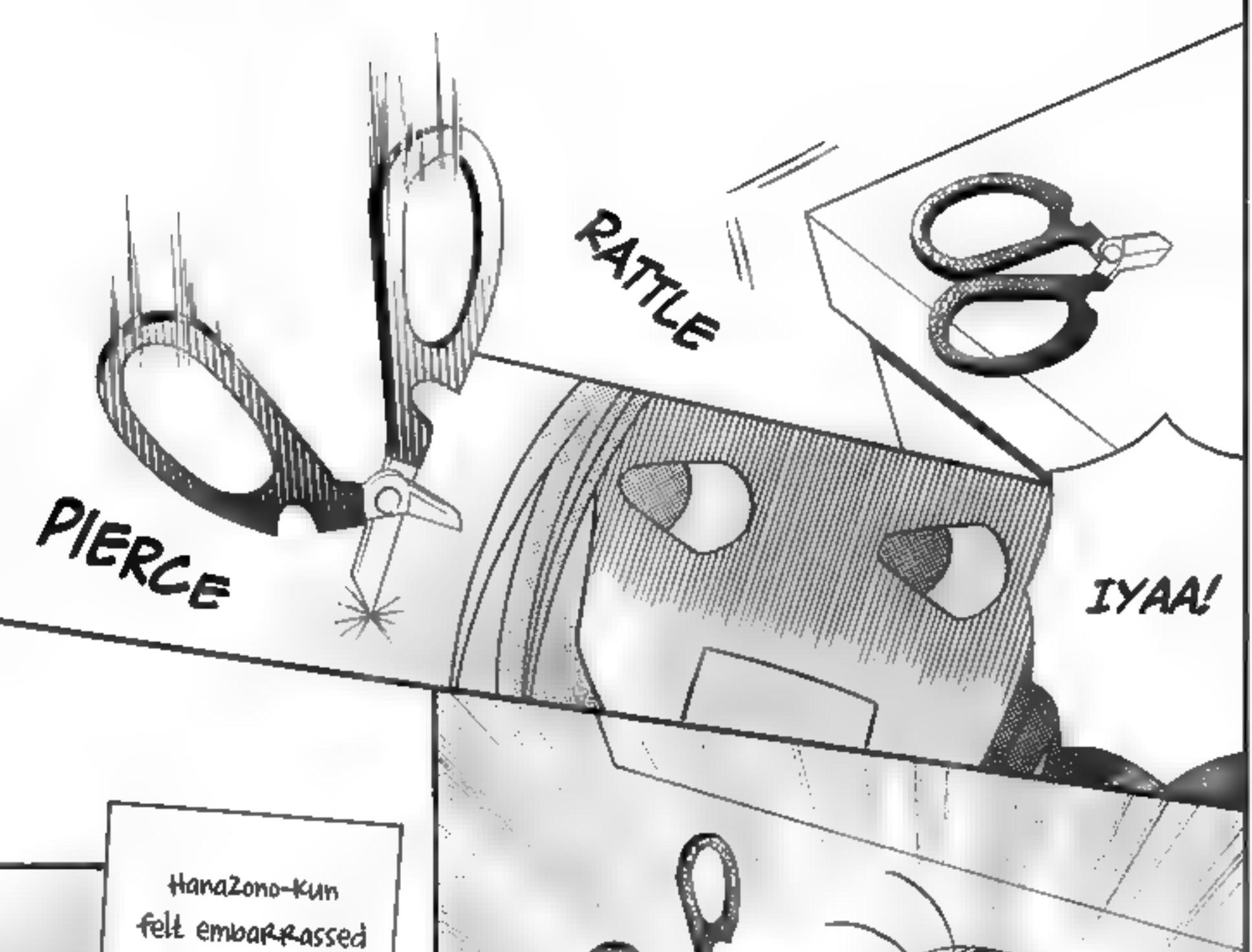


TL NOTE : REFERS TO TEACHING YOUNG KIDS BY HAVING THEM EXPERIENCE THE REAL WORLD THEMSELVES



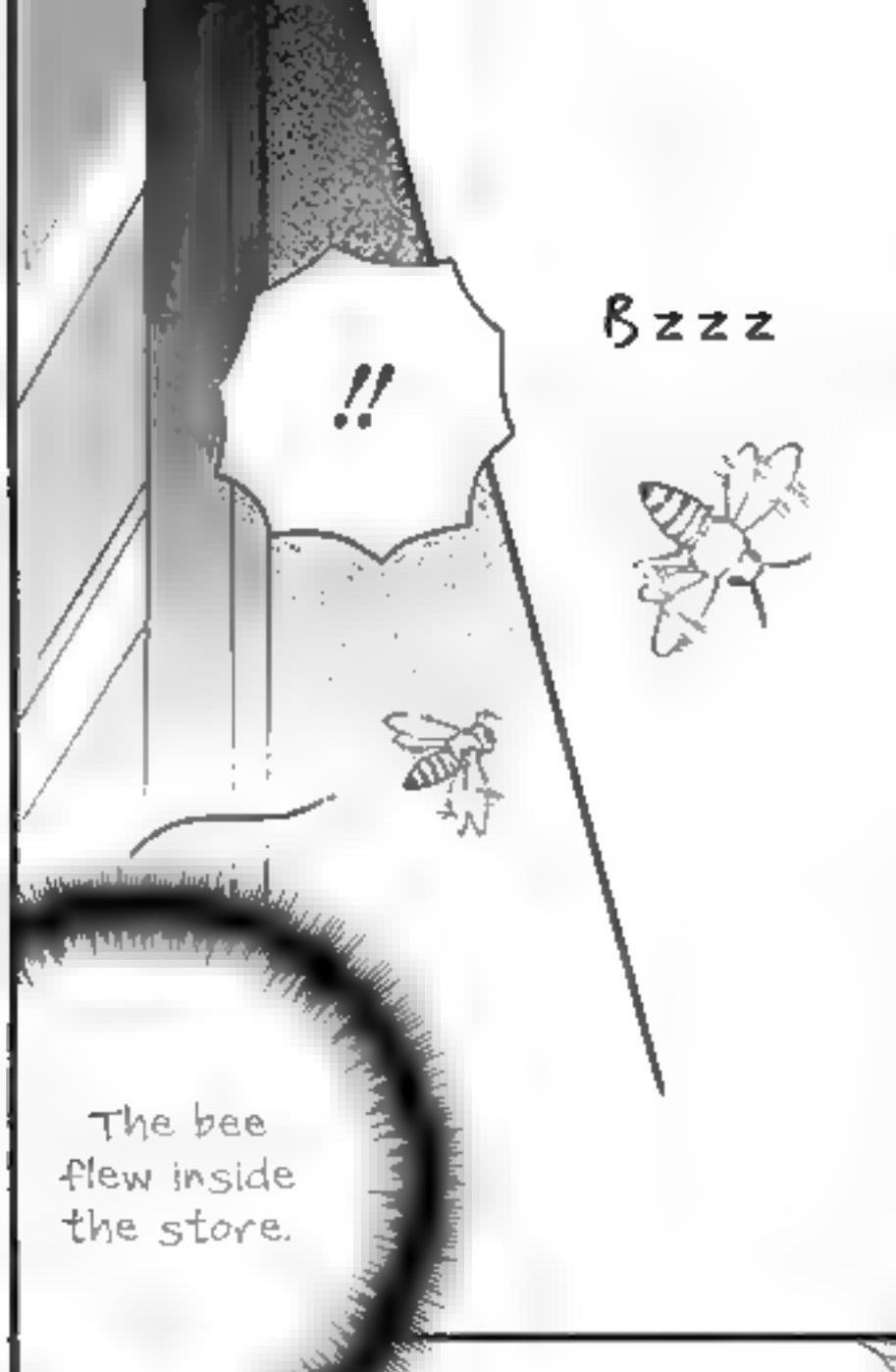






Hanazono-kun
felt embarrassed
and went outside



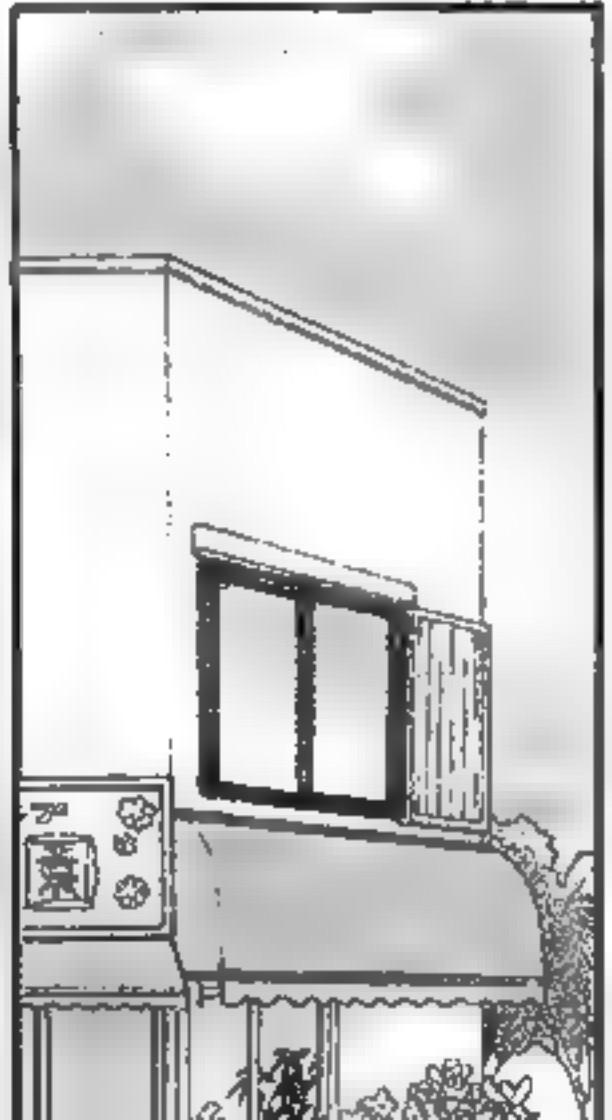


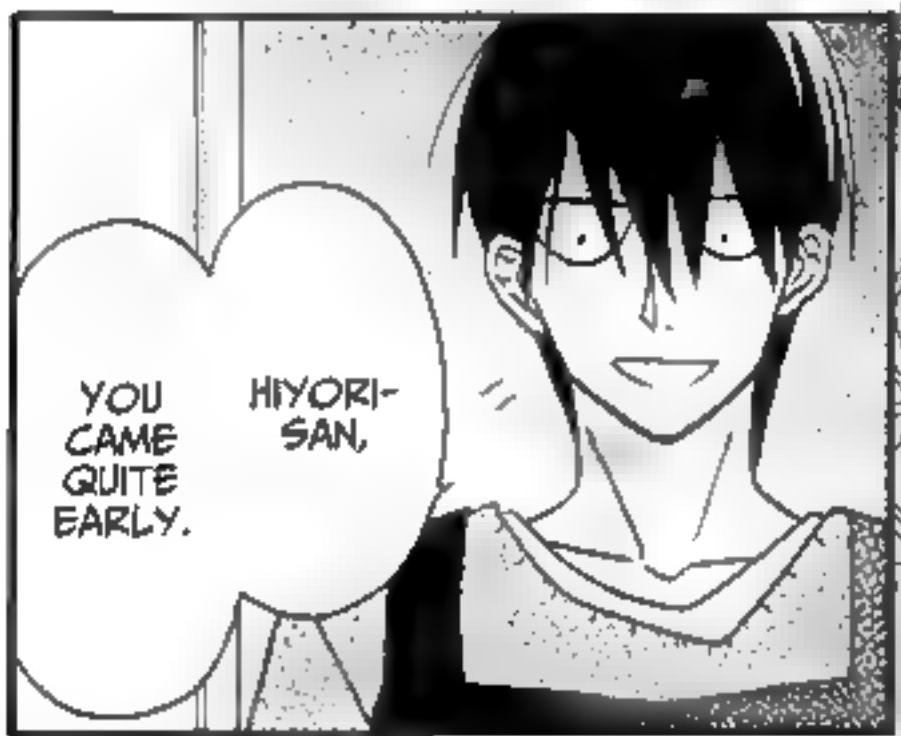
I HAVE A
HUSBAND
AND A
CHILD!!

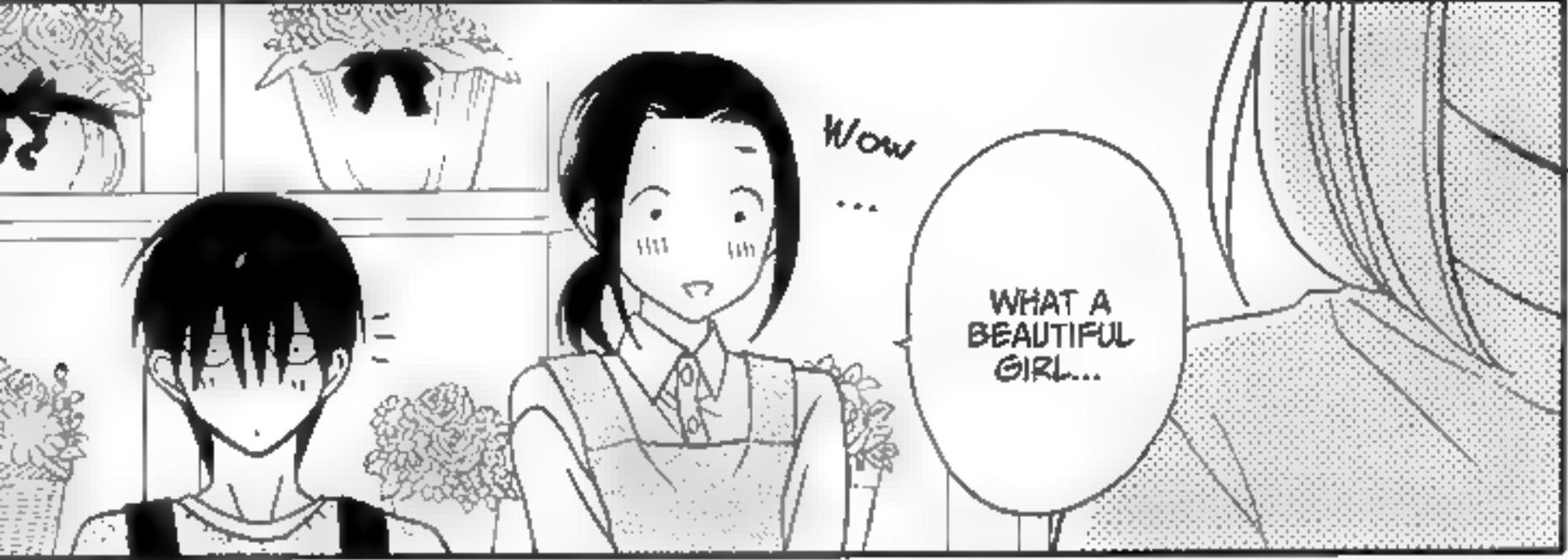
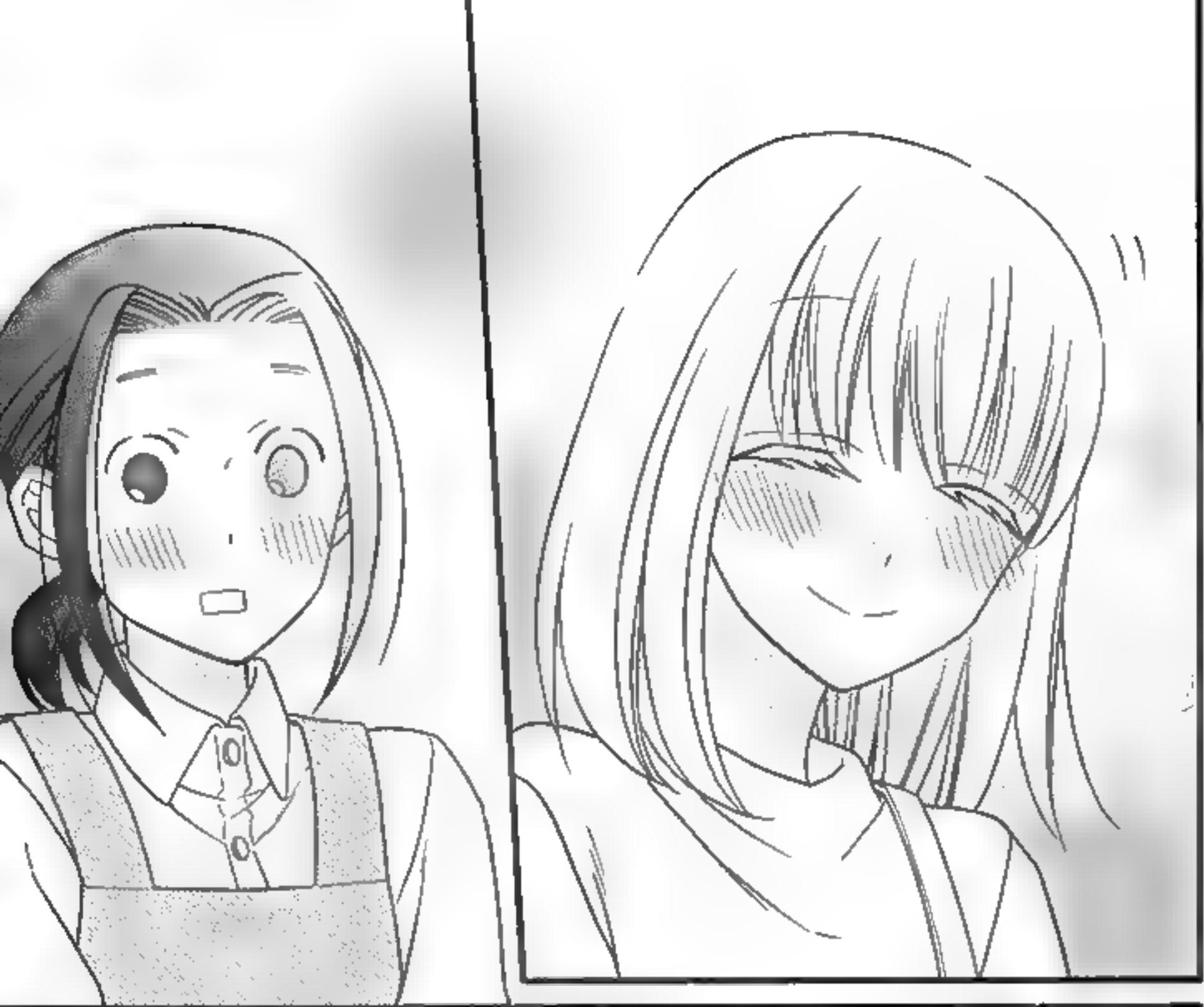
I KNOW
YOU HAVE
A FAMILY!

Please
have mercy
on me

They shooed the
bee outside

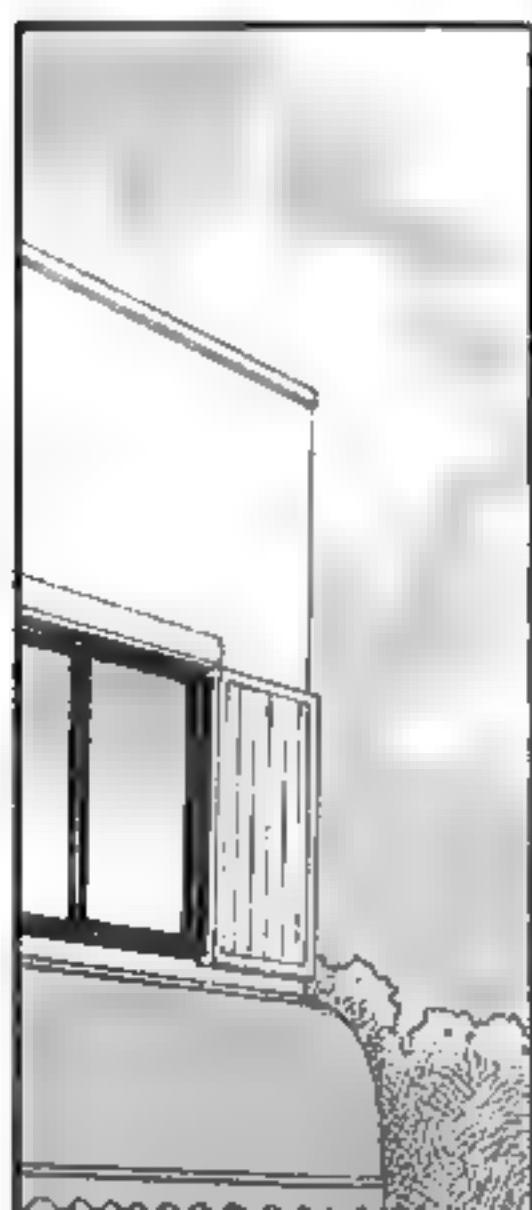






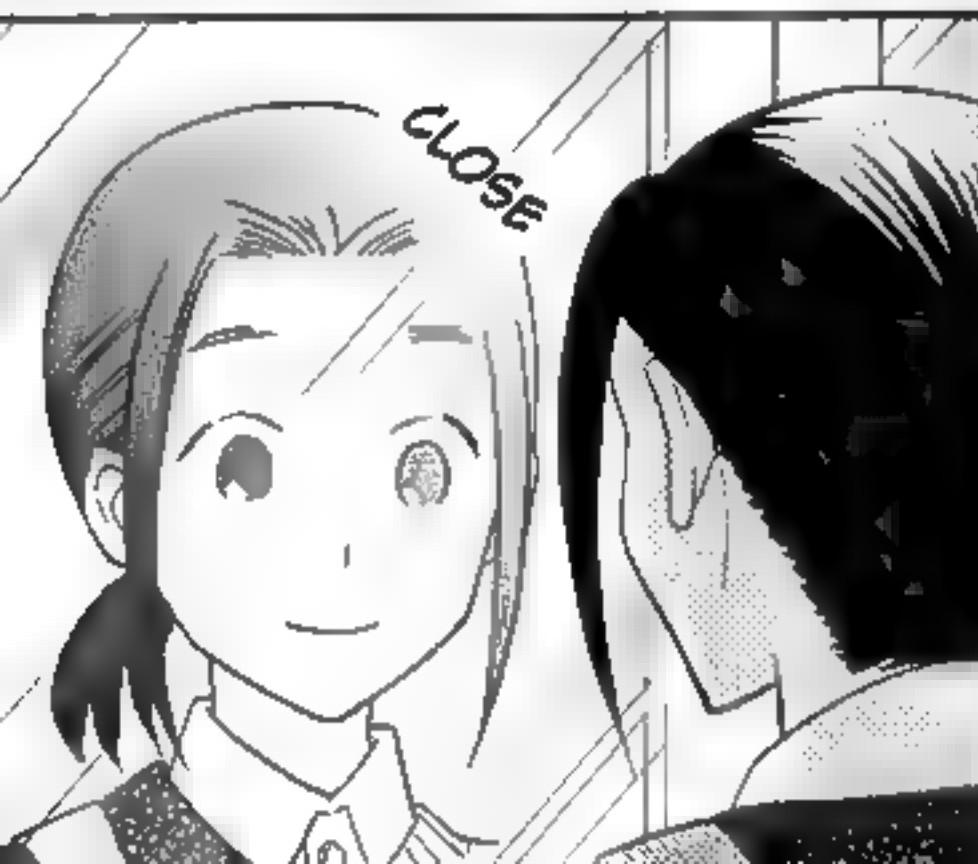






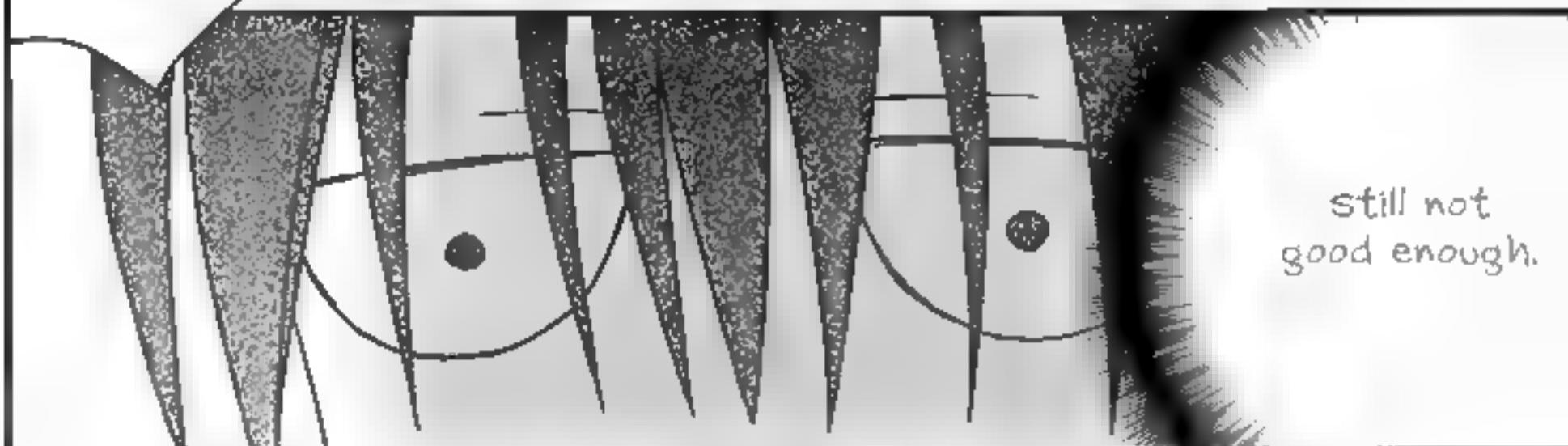
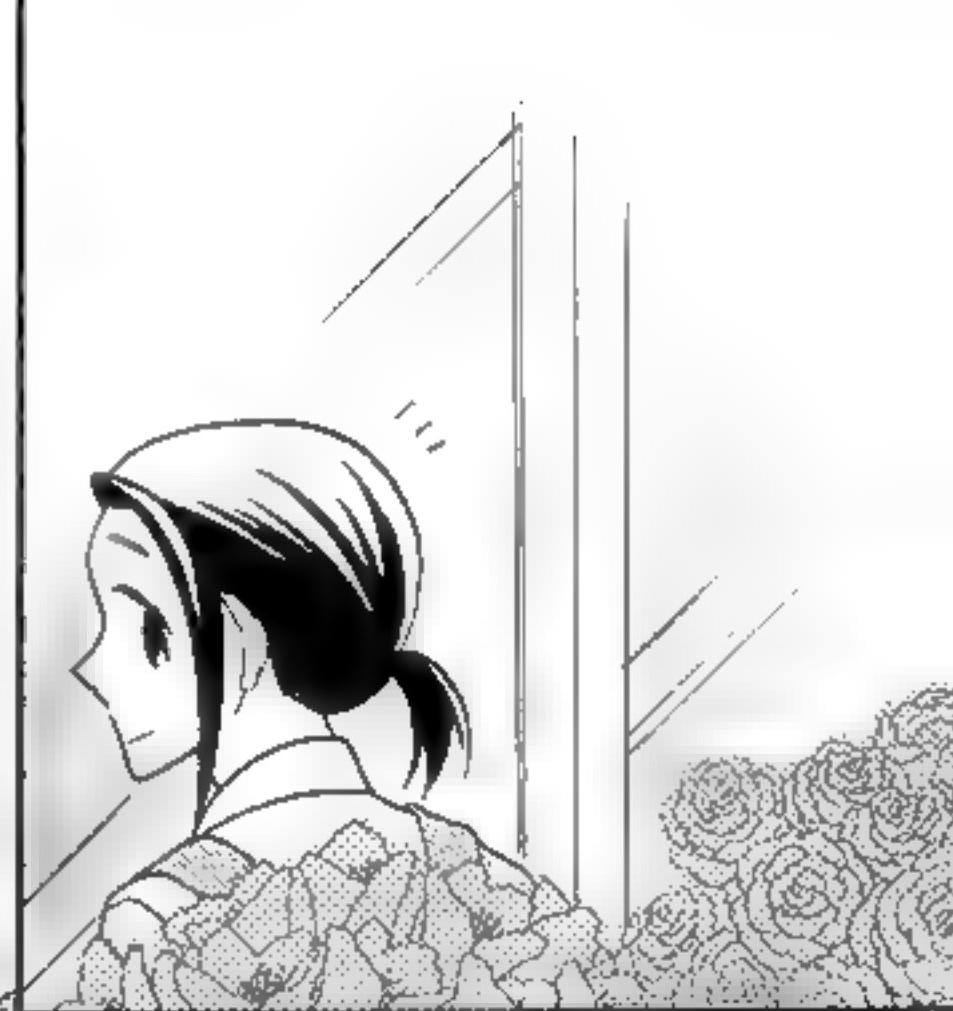
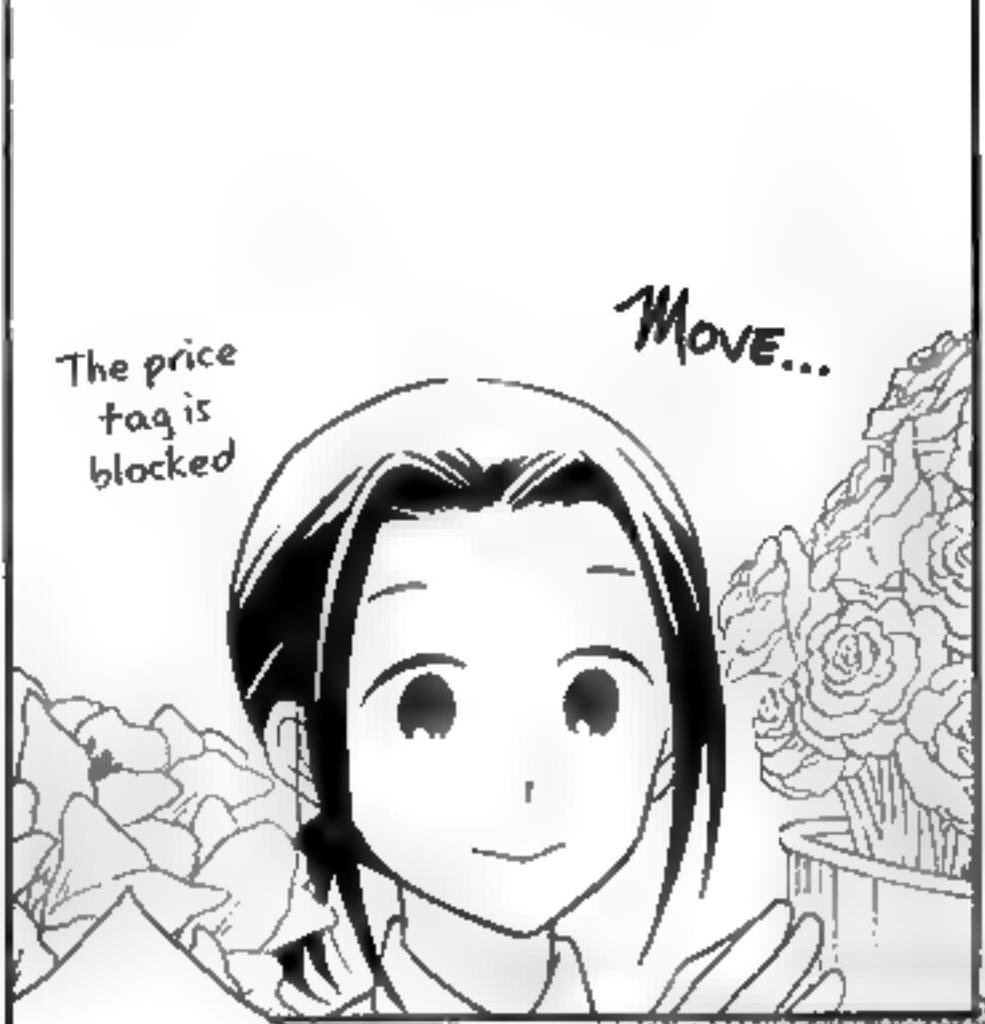


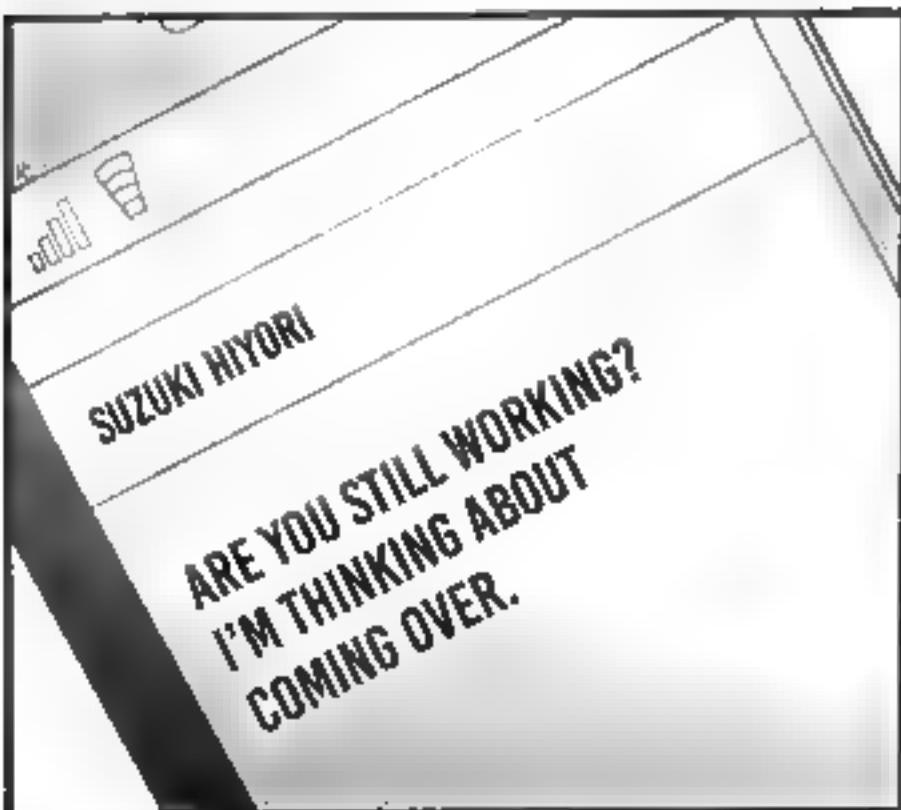
I must work hard to get along well with oka-san.







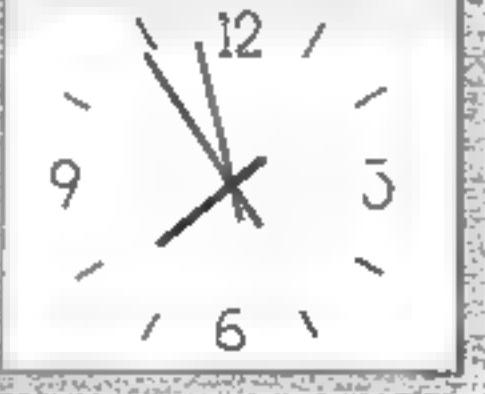




Dejected

My shift
will be over
soon...

Feel free
to sit down
and wait.
Hiyori-san



Planned to meet up
at the usual coffee
shop at 7:30

NO
WORRIES.

EVEN THOUGH
WE HAD PLANNED
TO MEET...

SORRY,



IS WORK
GIVING
YOU A HEAD-
ACHE?

WE HAD
A HALF-
DAY OF
CLASSES
TODAY. -ALSO,



No,
nothing
like that.





BECUSE I
FELT THAT IF
OTHER PEOPLE
WEREN'T WILLING
TO UNDERSTAND
ME, THEN THERE
WAS NO POINT
IN TRYING TO
CHANGE THEIR
MINDS.

I WOULDN'T
TRY TO FIGHT
AGAINST MY
FATE.

IF I
GAVE OTHERS
MISUNDER-
STANDINGS,

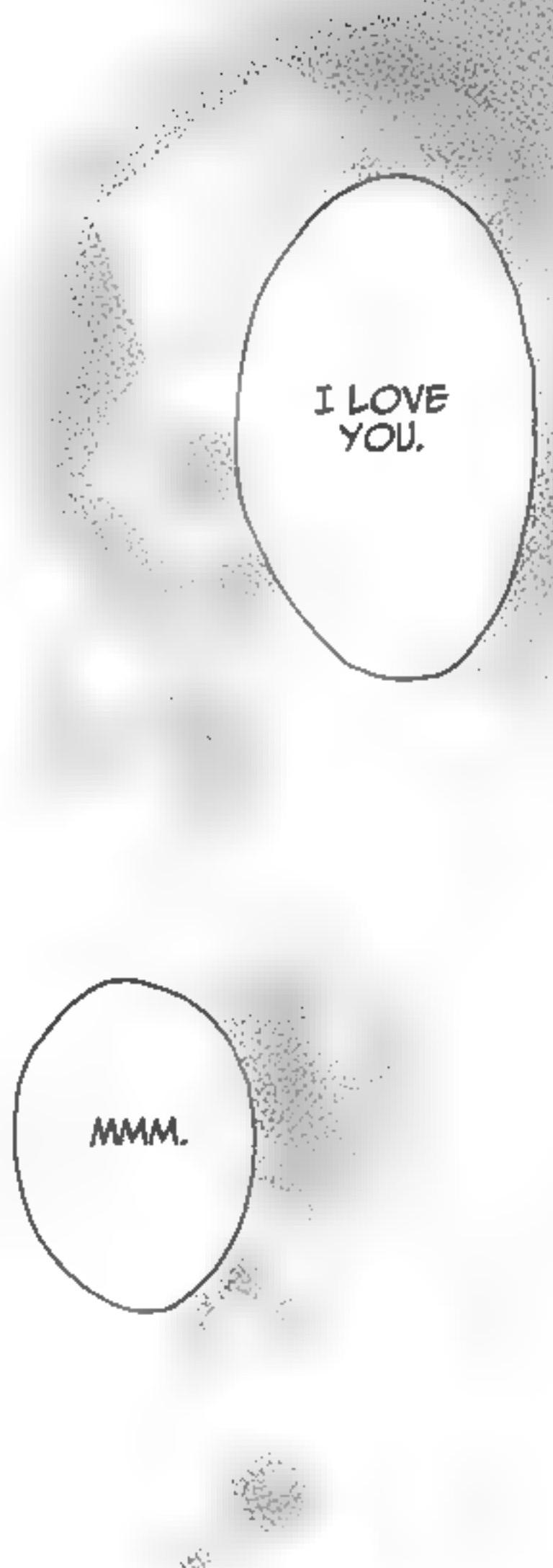
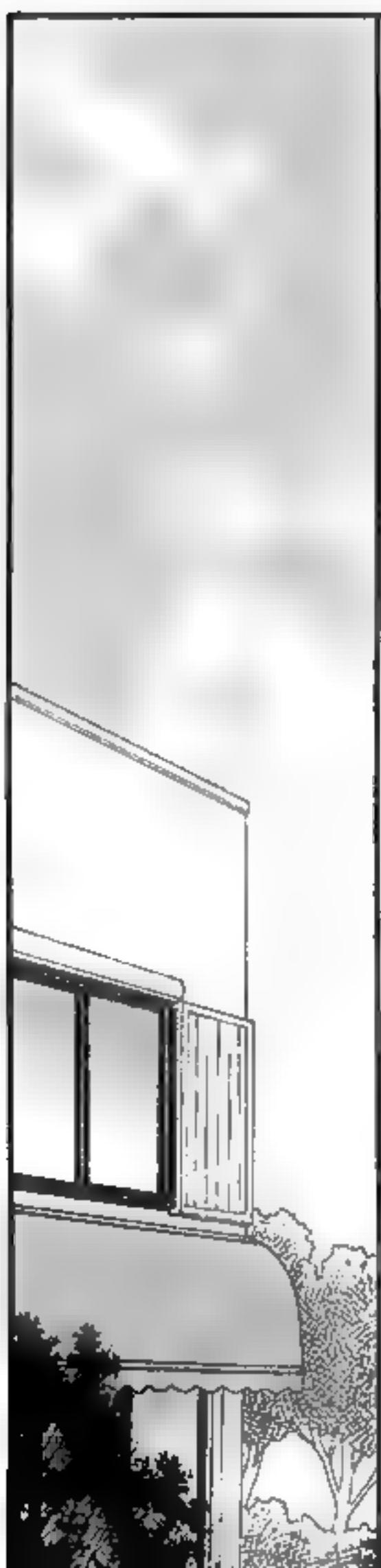
OR IF
OTHER
PEOPLE HID
FROM ME,

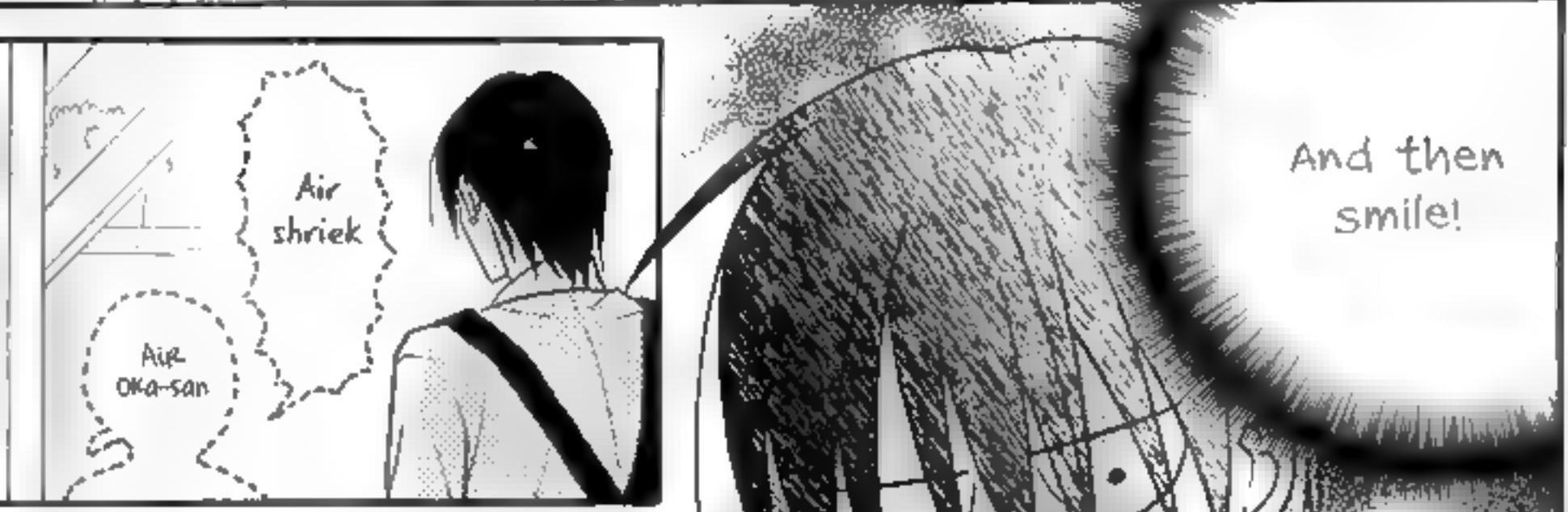
BUT,

NOW,

I BELIEVE
THAT I CAN
BE UNDER-
STOOD.











Speaking
of which,
his face is
too scary

WHAT A
GOOD
BOY.

BUT HE
DIDN'T GET
A SINGLE
BIT ANGRY.

I EVEN
SCREAMED
LIKE THAT.

I still give
off a scared
expression.

I've always
been like
this...

IF I
CAN JUST
NOT FEEL
SCARED,

THEN I
WOULD
LIKE TO
GET ALONG
WITH HIM,
NORMALLY.

I WILL
DEFINITELY
SUCCEED
TODAY!



AIRPORT



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WHICH IS WHY SHE DOESN'T STAY IN JAPAN FOR LONG.

MY BROTHER'S GIRLFRIEND OFTEN HEADS OVERSEAS FOR WORK,

The works with an international business.

FOR SOME REASON, I ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT HE WAS SINGLE.

Probably because it was always us three hanging out before.

SHE'S JAPANESE.

No, no

GRUMBLE

Is she a foreigner?

WHEN SHE WAS STILL HERE, WE WOULD GO OUT OFTEN TO PLAY.

THIS TIME, MY BROTHER ASKED IF HANAZONO-SAN WOULD ALSO LIKE TO COME WITH US.

Kazuma-kun

MY BROTHER AND SHE STARTED DATING IN HIGH SCHOOL.

SHE AND I ARE ON VERY GOOD TERMS.

Oka-san
Employee

I'll go
confirm
with her
again

FORTUNATELY
OKA-SAN WILL
WORK FULL-TIME
THAT DAY, SO I CAN
COME WITH YOU!

Awesome,
thanks!

Wow

Interesting

Go for it

= Go
for it

Curious

WHAT KIND
OF PERSON IS
KAZUMA-KUN'S
GIRLFRIEND?

HAND-
SOME!?

HAND-
SOME? :









flashback

SO I
WANT TO
APOLOGIZE
IN ADVANCE
IF THEY
SCARE
YOU...

MY BROTHER
AND SHE OFTEN
ARGUE,

I FIRST
HAVE TO
SAY,

SO WHEN
THEY START
FIGHTING, I
QUICKLY HELP
THEM MEDIATE
THEIR DISPUTE!

BUT THEIR
OPINIONS
ALSO
CHANGE
RATHER
QUICKLY,

I UNDER-
STAND.

SQUEEZE

Explanation

THEY'RE
BOTH
STRONGLY
SELF-CON-
SCIOUS
PEOPLE,
SO IT'S
EASY FOR
THEM TO
GET INTO
FIGHTS.

ARGUE?



I THOUGHT
I SAID THE
BEACH.

KAZU.

THE BAY
IS STILL THE
BEACH.

ITS
FUN THERE,
SO IT'S FINE.

YOU JUST
WANT TO GO THERE
YOURSELF.

They
just met and
they started
fighting...!!

LET'S NOT.

LET'S GO.







TODAY,
HIYORI-SAN

IS EVEN
MORE LIKE
A KID THAN
USUAL.

SHE'S
SO CUTE.



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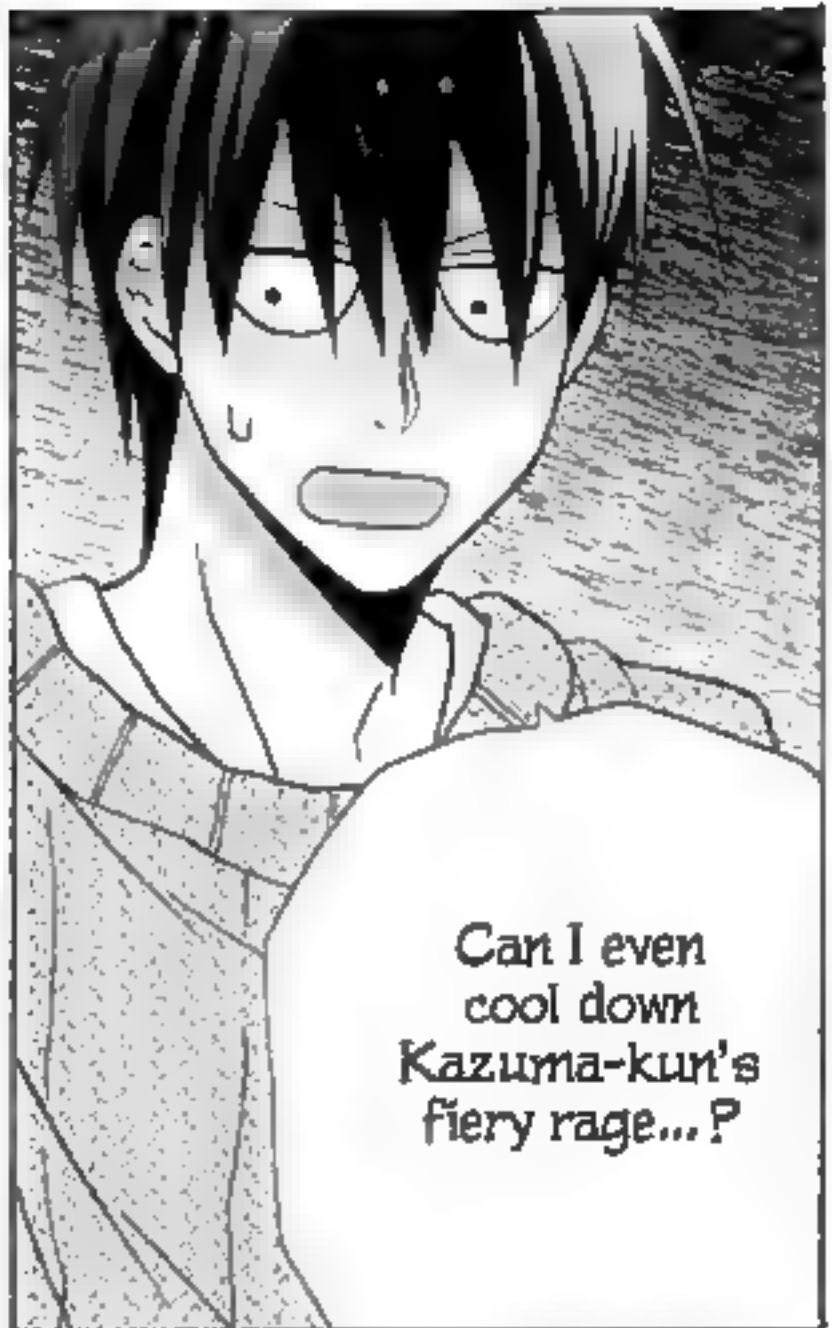












REGARDING
HER JOB
SEARCH,

HIYORI-SAN
DISCUSSED
IT WITH ME
BEFORE.

...I SEE.

SHE WANTS
TO DECIDE FOR
HERSELF.

AT THAT
TIME,
SHE SAID
THAT WHAT
SHE ENDS UP
DOING IN THE
FUTURE,

THAT'S
RIGHT.

ALTHOUGH,
EVERYTHING
THAT SHE HIDES
WILL SHOW ON
HER FACE.

Hehe



AND
ALWAYS
KEPT EVERY-
THING WITHIN
HERSELF.

NOT TO
REVEAL
SOME OF
HER MOST
IMPORTANT
CONCERNs,

HIYORI HAS
ALWAYS
TRIED

SO WHEN
I START
WORRYING
ABOUT HER,
I CAN'T
STOP.

THERE ARE
MANY DANGERS
IN THE WORLD.

BUT

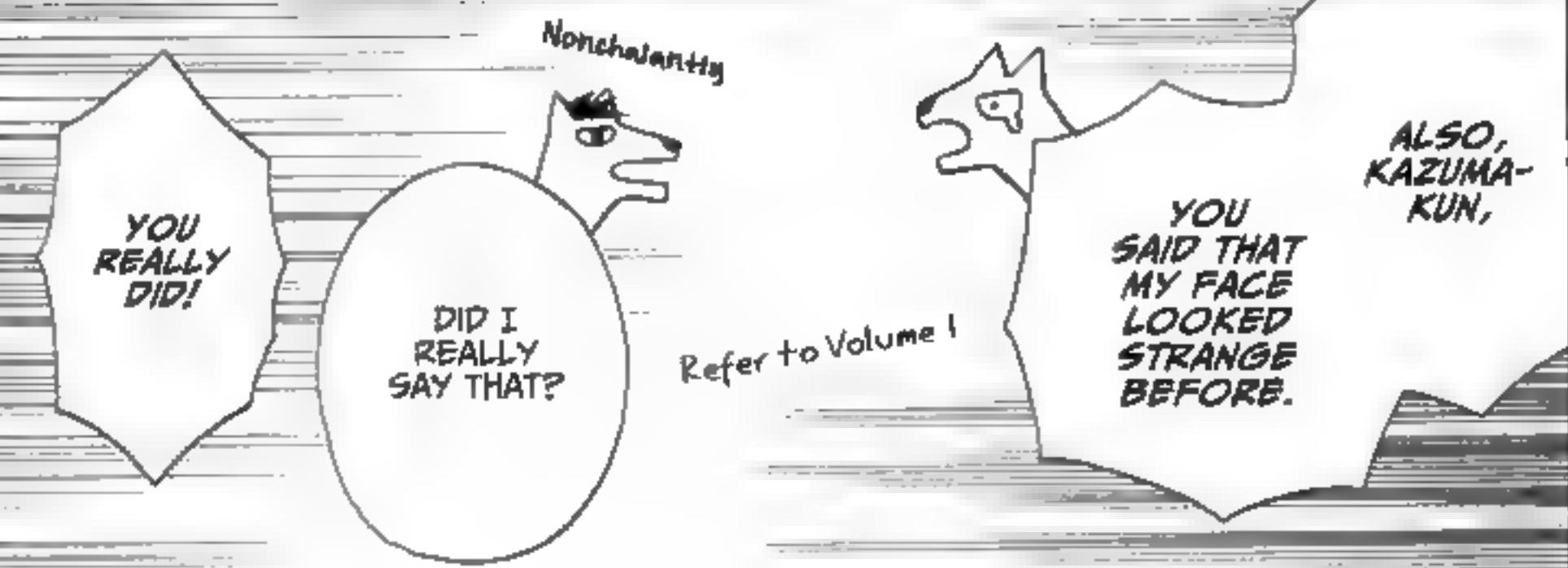
STILL,

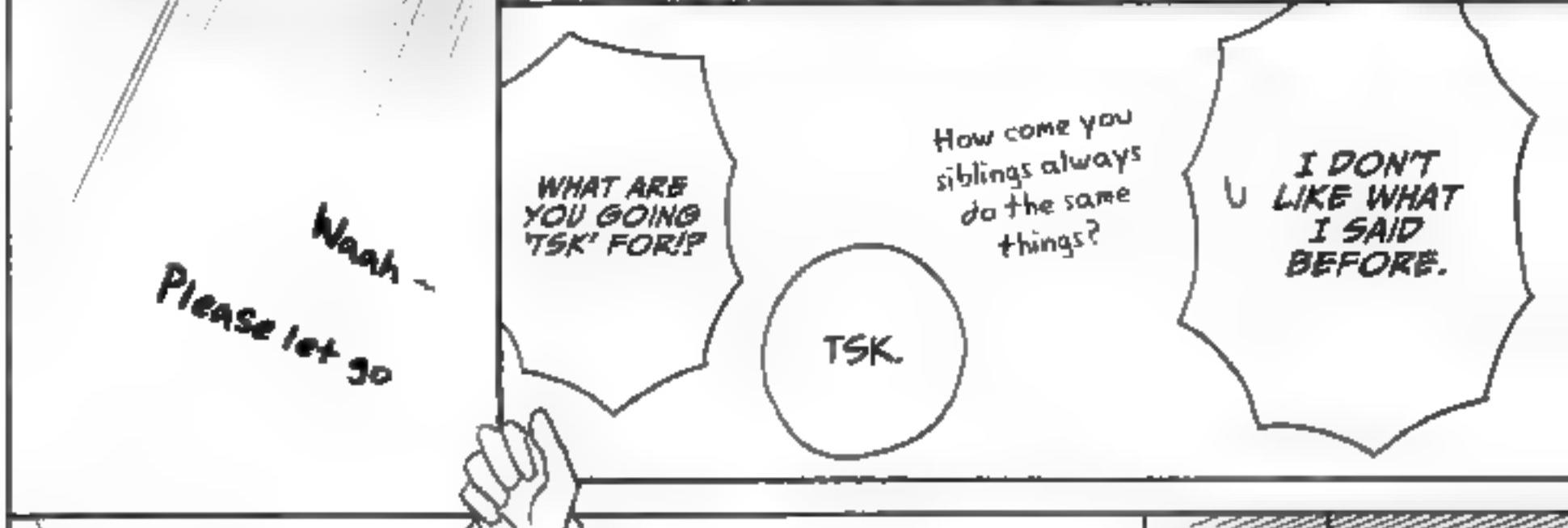
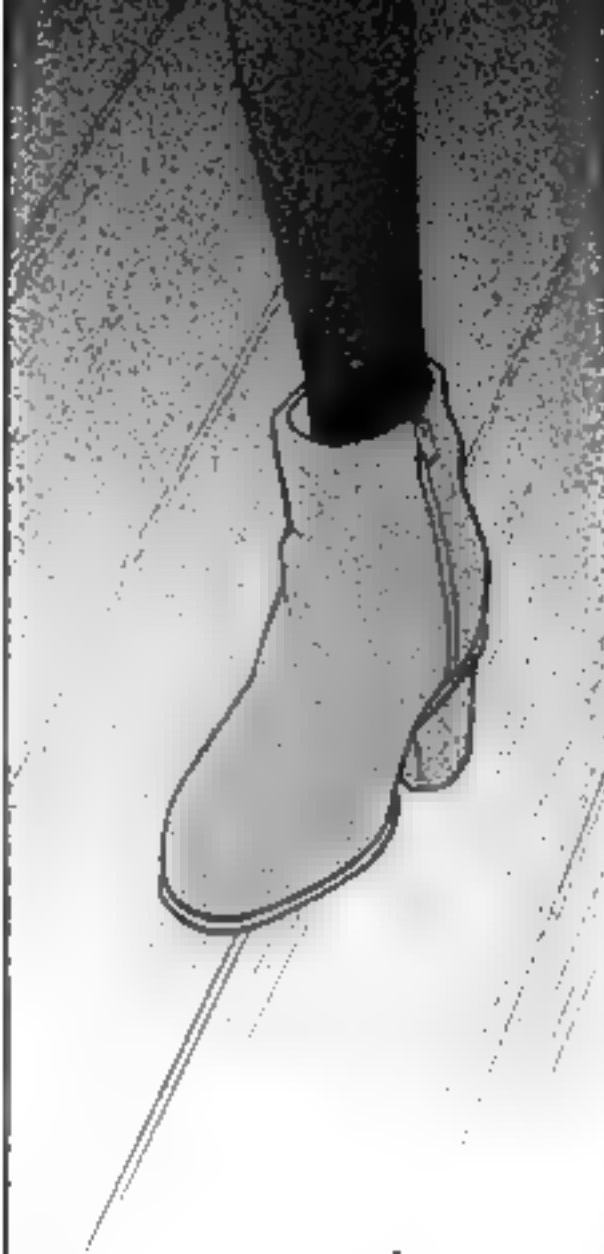


NOW,

SHE
HAS YOU
TO WATCH
OVER HER.

...I WON'T
DISAPPOINT!



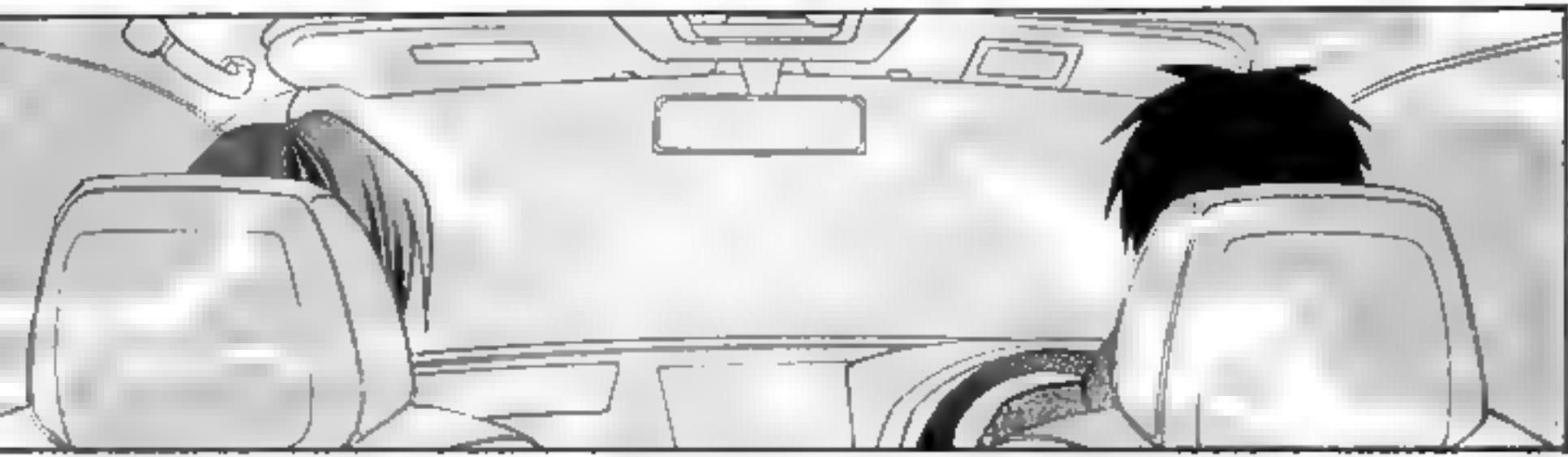




TL NOTE : CAW CAW







THAT'S
ENOUGH.

HANA-
ZONO-SAN
ONCE AGAIN
REALIZED
THIS.

I SHOULD
BE CAREFUL
NOT TO START
ANY FIGHTS,

Thank
you!

let's have
Chinese
Food then!



Running a
little izakaya
in Okinawa!

MY FRIENDS
ARE PLANNING TO
GET MARRIED IN
THE SPRING.

Hiro Hidetoshi (28)
Hamazono-kun's
childhood friend

Kara Mayako (32)
Born in Okinawa

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APRIL
CAME.



TIME PASSED
IN A BLINK OF
AN EYE.

AS THESE
TWO WERE
PREPARING
TO MOVE
BACK HOME
AND RUN THEIR
FAMILY IZAKAYA,

IN ORDER TO
ATTEND THEIR
WEDDING

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HIYORI-SAN
AND I,

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Welcome!!

TRAVELED TO
OKINAWA.

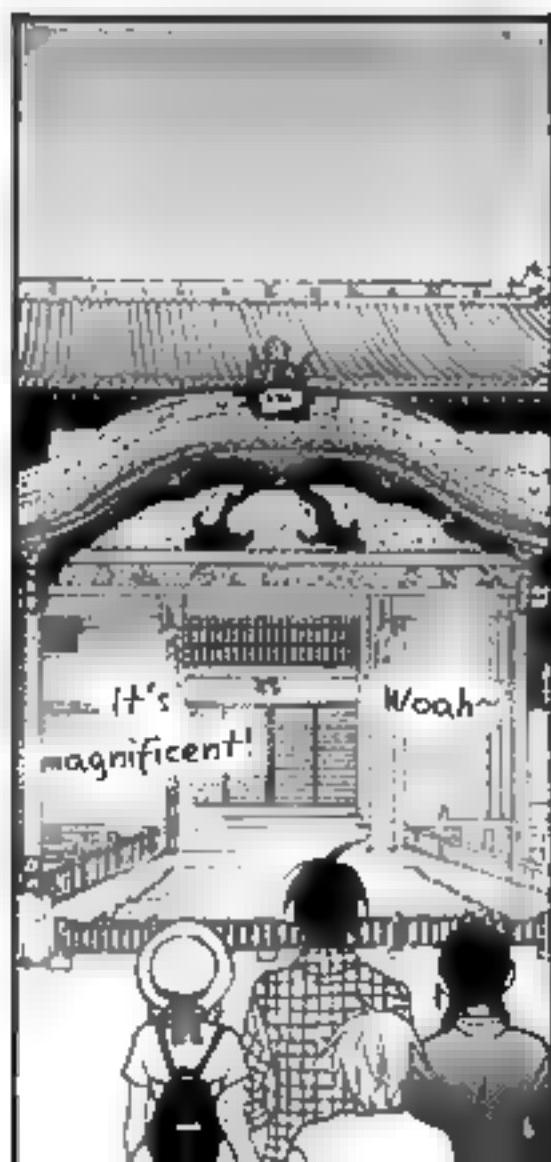
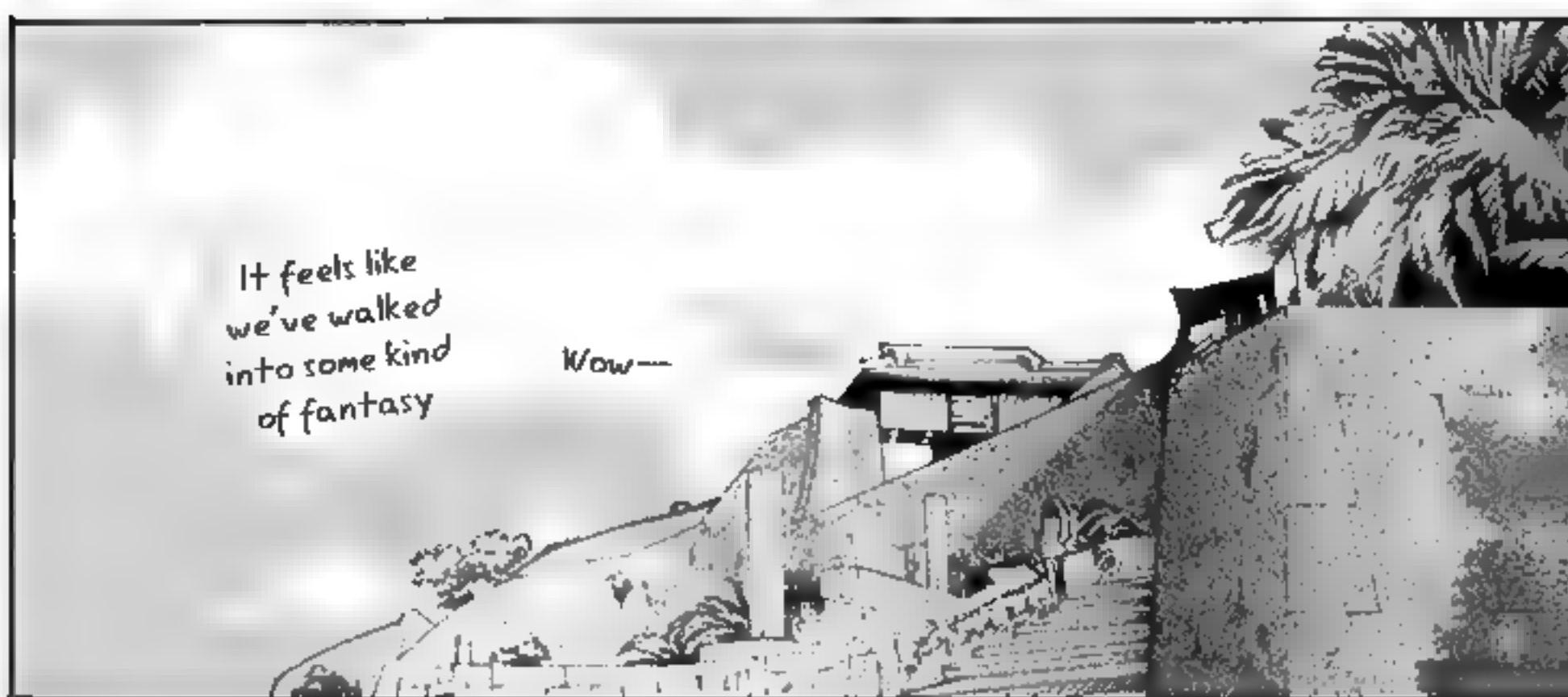
3 days 2 nights





Hmm?



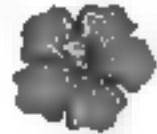




Haracchi's
Recommendation!

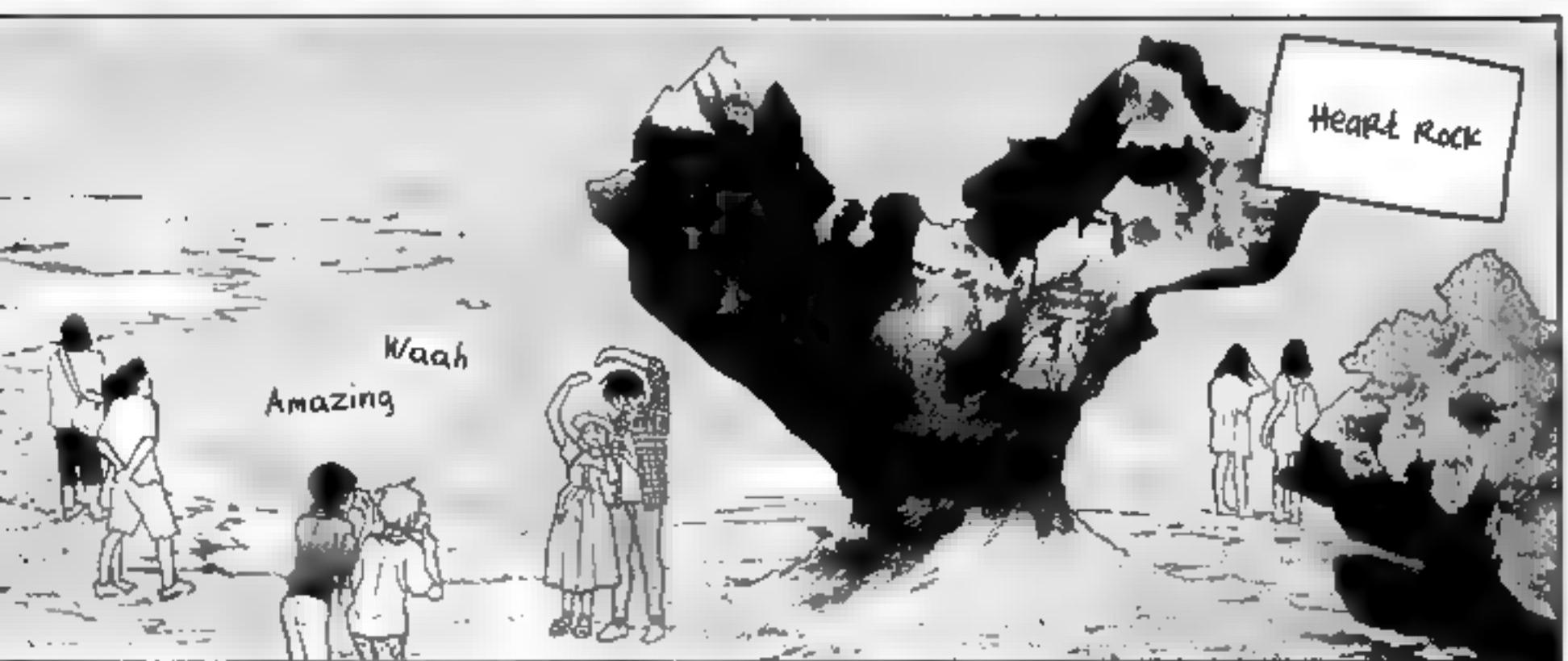


Hibiscus



Kouri Bridge

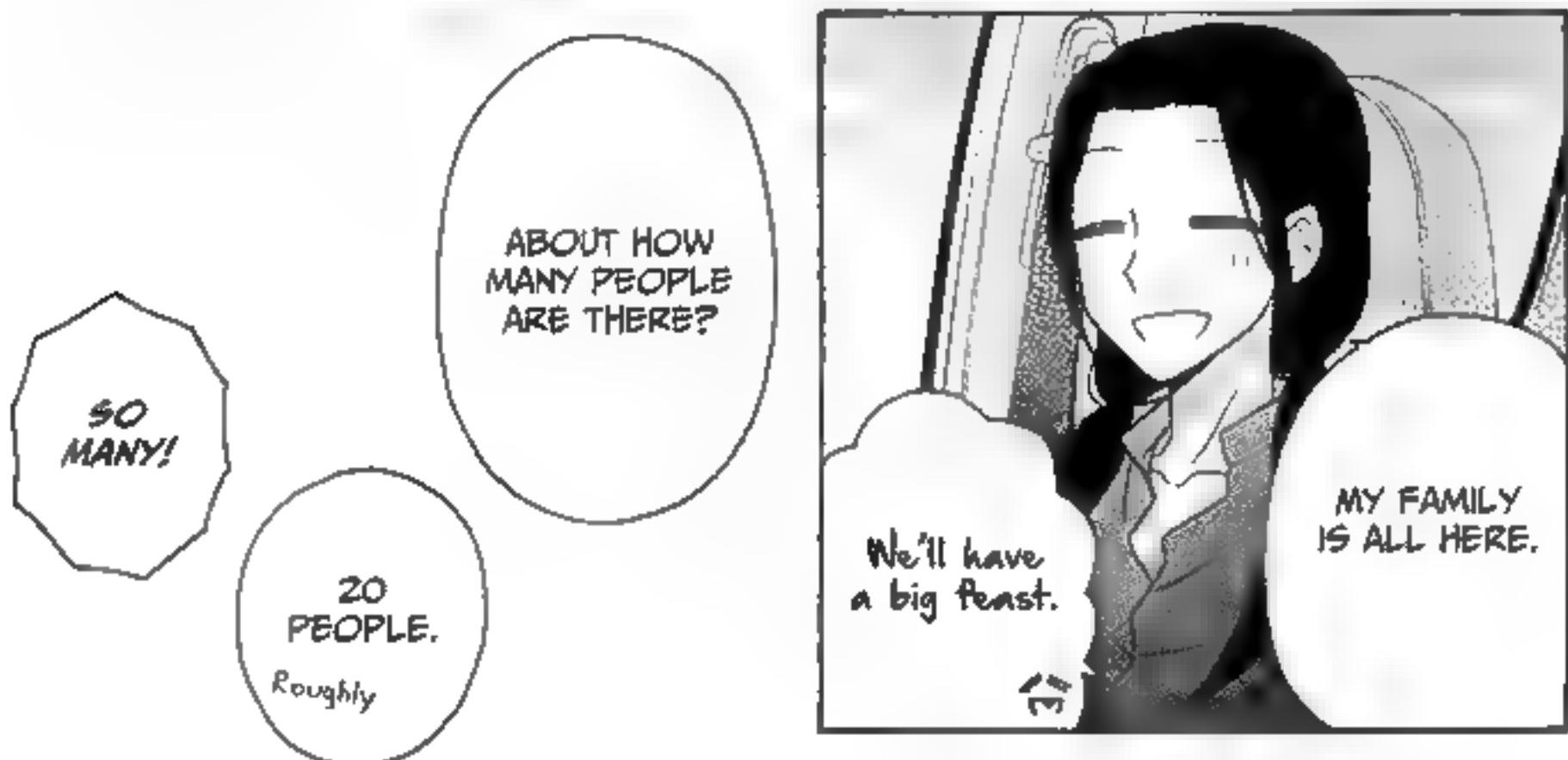
Wow!



TL NOTE : CHINSUKO IS A SPECIALTY OF OKINAWA.



TL NOTE : SNACK PINEAPPLES, UNIQUE TO OKINAWA, ARE A VARIETY OF BOGOR PINEAPPLES.



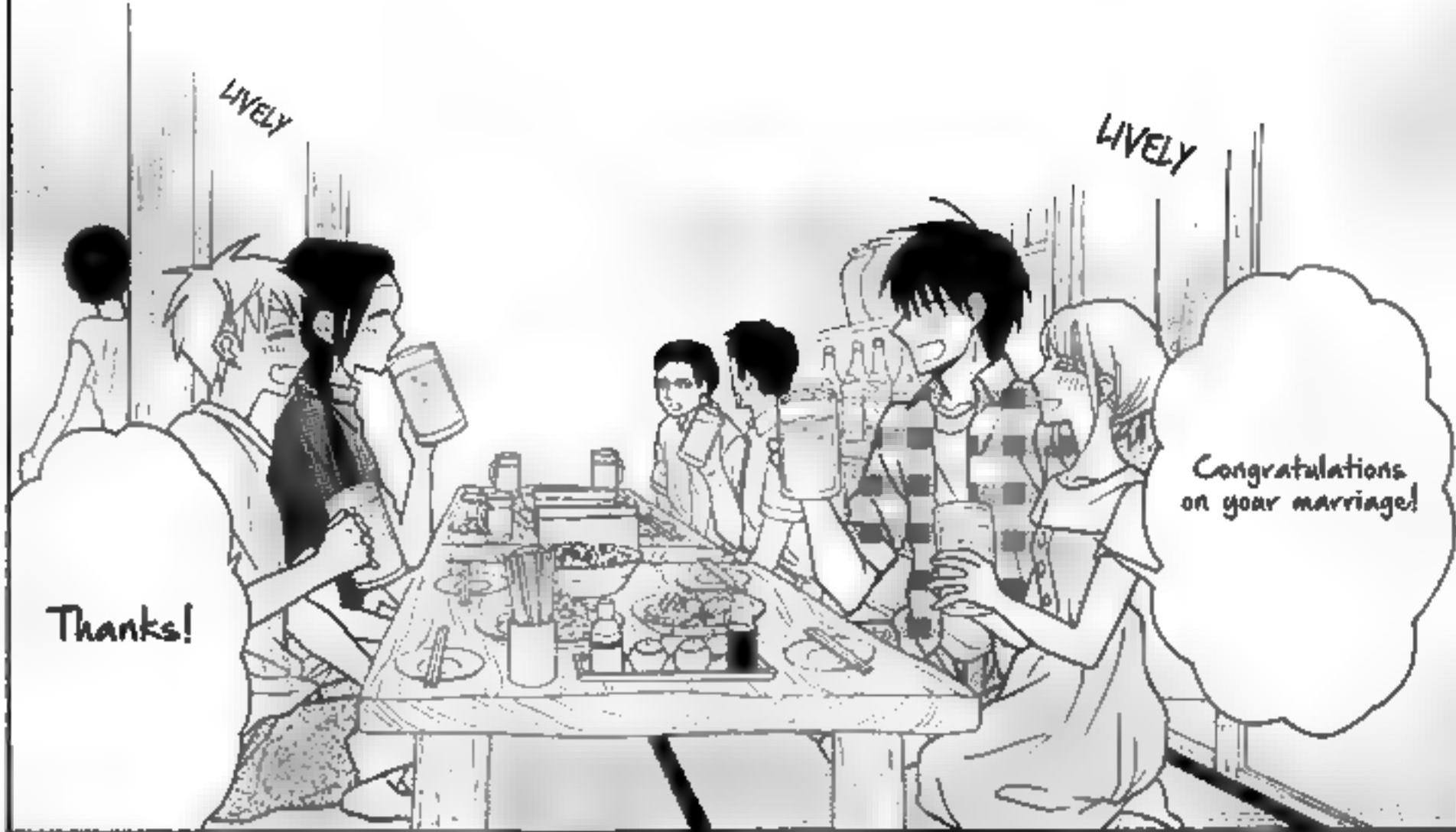


Bittermelon









Jyo- To-

IT MEANS
ISN'T EVERY-
THING SWELL?

IN THE
OKINAWAN
DIALECT,

WHAT DOES
JYOTO MEAN?

Oh!

I'LL DO
MY BEST
WITH HIRO-
KUN.

IN ORDER
TO CREATE
THAT KIND
OF FEELING
HERE,

THE ATMO-
SPHERE INSIDE
THIS STORE IS
QUITE NICE.

It's really
calming

I'VE ALWAYS
WANTED TO
OPEN A PLACE
THAT PEOPLE
FIND COMFOR-
TABLE.

Thanks for
finding the
time in your
busy schedule
to visit us

YES,
THAT'S
RIGHT.

No, of course

IF I
REMEMBER
CORRECTLY,
HIYORI-CHAN IS
CURRENTLY GOING
THROUGH THE
EMPLOYMENT
PROCESS,
RIGHT?



I HAVE
ALWAYS BEEN
FULLY SERIOUS
ABOUT THIS.

SOMEONE
WHO'S ONLY
HALF-SERIOUS
WON'T BE
ACCEPTED.

GIVEN
HOW COM-
PETITIVE THE
FIELD OF
APPLICANTS
IS,

POP

Pop
Another



AH, BUT,

BEFORE,
YOU USED TO
BE SCARED OF
EVERY LITTLE
THING.

Well—

Because I
didn't want
to scare
anyone...

That's what
I thought

HANA-CHAN,
YOU'VE ALSO
CHANGED.

I'm happy
that I can
chat normally
with her.

GET ALONG
WELL NOW.

HANAZONO-SAN
AND THE NEW
EMPLOYEE

Oka-san

Even—

IT
REALLY
IS...

Mhm,
mhm

That's
great.





SHHH

WHOOSH

Good morning.









I WANT
TO TRY IT,

AND SEE
JUST WHAT
I CAN DO.

NOW I'M
DECIDING FOR
MYSELF.

SO,

REGARDLESS
OF WHETHER
OR NOT I'LL
BE HIRED,

I STILL
WANT TO GO
THROUGH THIS
CHALLENGE.





NONE
OF THAT
REALLY
MATTERS.

I STILL,

BUT,

LOVE
SEEING,

THAT
FORWARD-
LOOKING,

JOYFUL SMILE
OF HIYORI-SAN'S.



Hana-chan,
Higori-chan,

Are you
up yet?

Startled

Good
morning.

GOOD MORNING.

BADWMP

BADWMP

It's me,
Mayuko's
mother.











HMMPH

TUMBLE

AH-
NOT GOOP!

IT LOOKS
SO WEIRD...

I've exposed
how I act when
I'm by myself.

URK,

I FORGOT
THAT HIYORI-
SAN WAS STILL
HERE.

What he
usually does



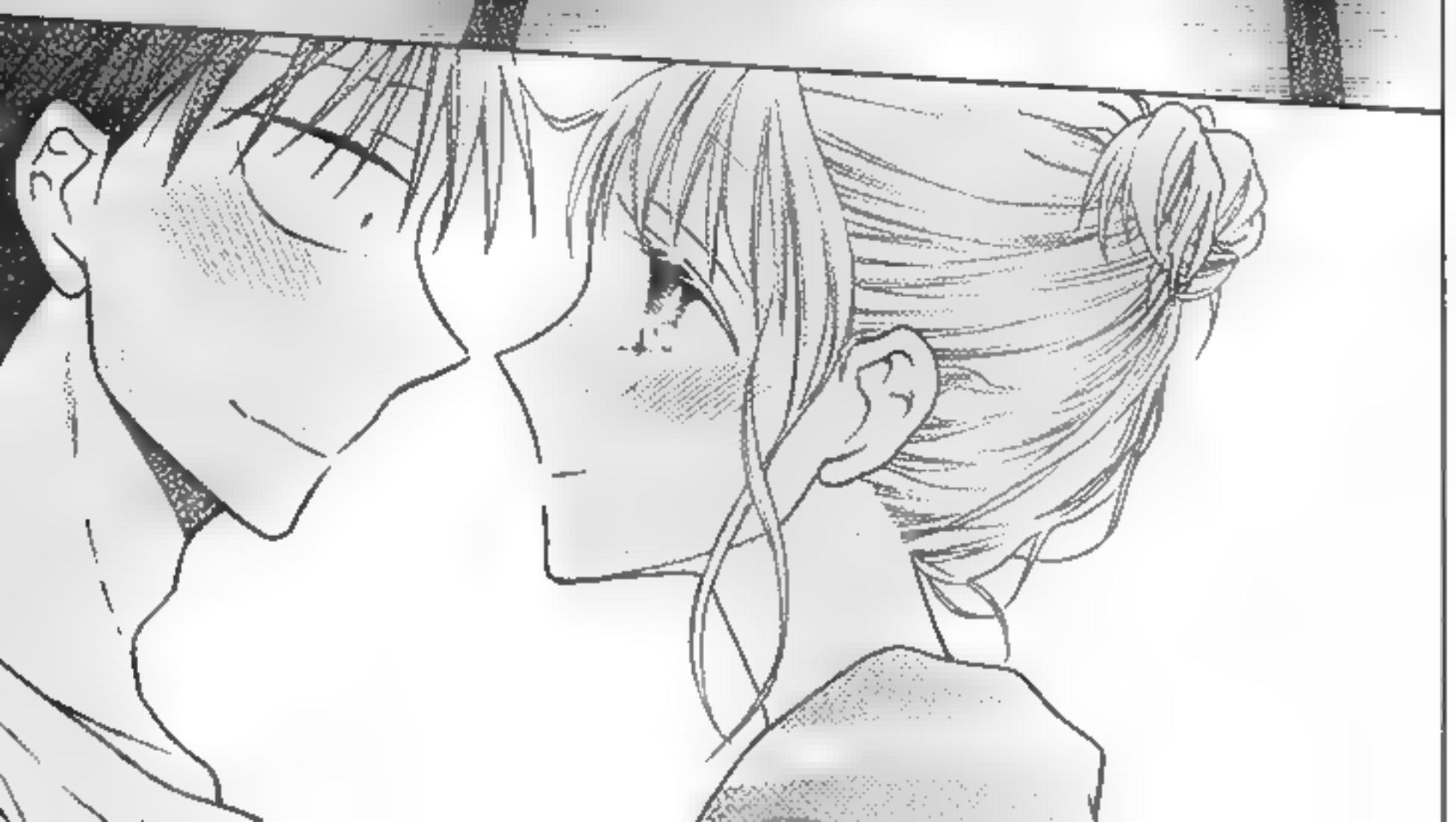
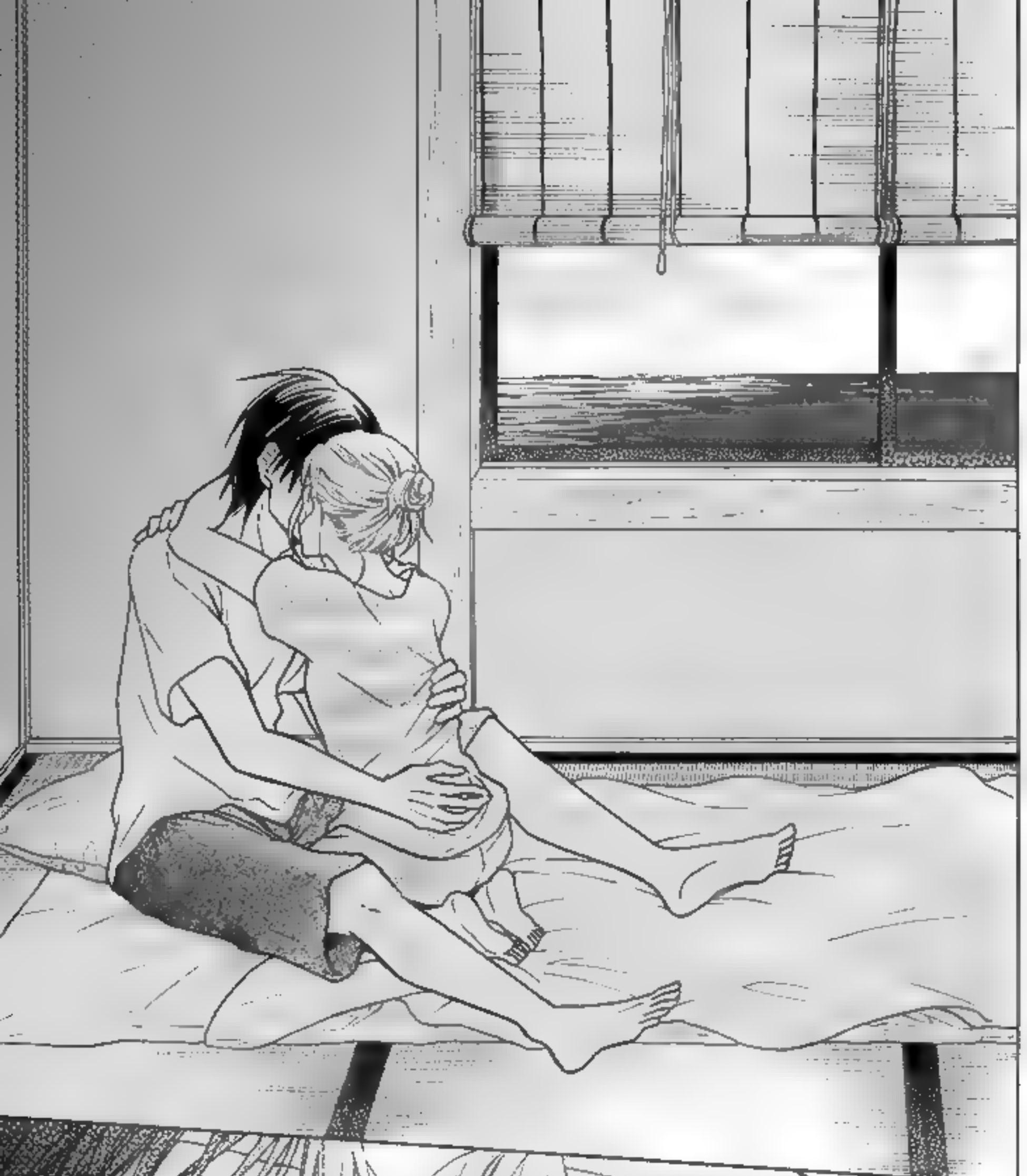
WHAT A SCARY
EXPRESSION

PEEK

AWAWA!!

Pounce









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THE AMERICAN-
STYLE DÉCOR IS
ALSO PRETTY NICE.

BUT IT SEEMS
LIKE THE AMERICAN-
STYLE DÉCOR AND
JYOTO'S PEACEFUL,
CAREFREE AMBIENCE
DON'T REALLY
MIX.....

I'M SORRY,
I WAS JUST
JOKING!!

QUICKLY
APOLOGIZE,
HARACCHI!!

MAYUKO-
SAN IS
MAKING AN
INCREIBLY
SERIOUS
FACE!!

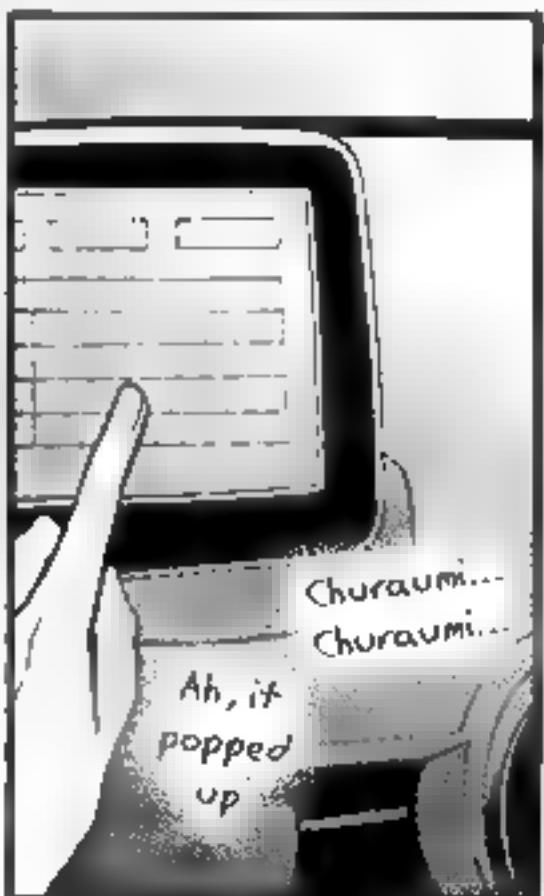
THAT'S
NOT WHAT
YOU SAID
YESTERDAY!

The name Jyoto
refers to how this
is ■ first-class
restaurant!

Haha







Very strict

They are
both doctors

HARACCHI'S
PARENTS

ARE VERY
SERIOUS
PEOPLE.

HARACCHI

ISN'T ON
VERY GOOD
TERMS WITH
HIS FAMILY.

I should take
a picture to
send to my mom

I CAN'T
AT ALL
IMAGINE

WHAT THEY
LOOK LIKE
WEARING
OKINAWA-
STYLE
SHIRTS...

Churaumi
Aquarium

Oh, that's what
he mentioned,
what Haracchi
recommended

Wow, it's
beautiful!

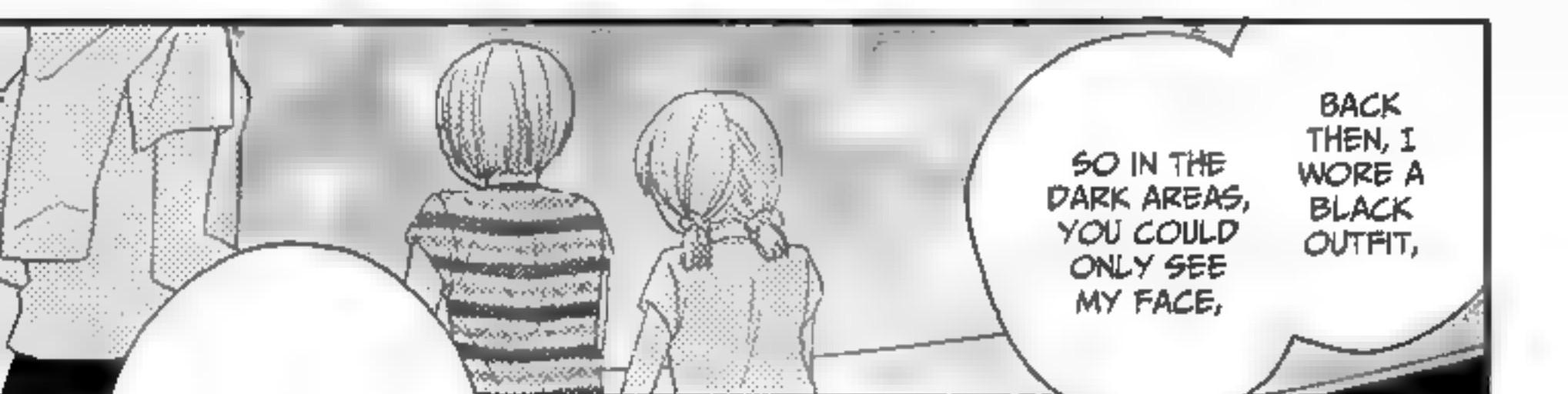


WE TOOK
A PICTURE
TO COMMEM-
ORATE IT.

I REMEMBER
HOW WE WENT
TO AN AQUAR-
IUM ON OUR
SECOND DATE.

THE
AQUARIUM.

IT'S BEEN
A WHILE SINCE
WE LAST WENT
TO ONE.



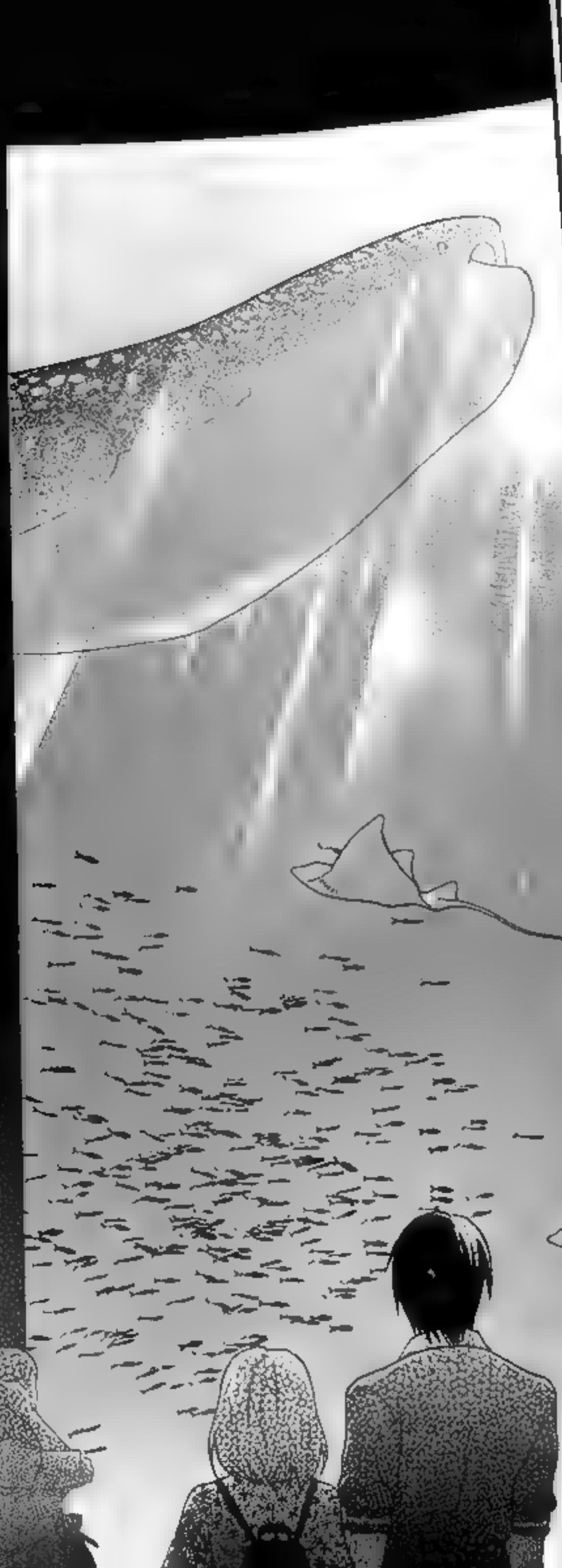
WHICH LEAD TO
WHAT SEEMED
LIKE A HORROR
MOVIE...

SO IN THE
DARK AREAS,
YOU COULD
ONLY SEE
MY FACE,

BACK
THEN, I
WORE A
BLACK
OUTFIT,



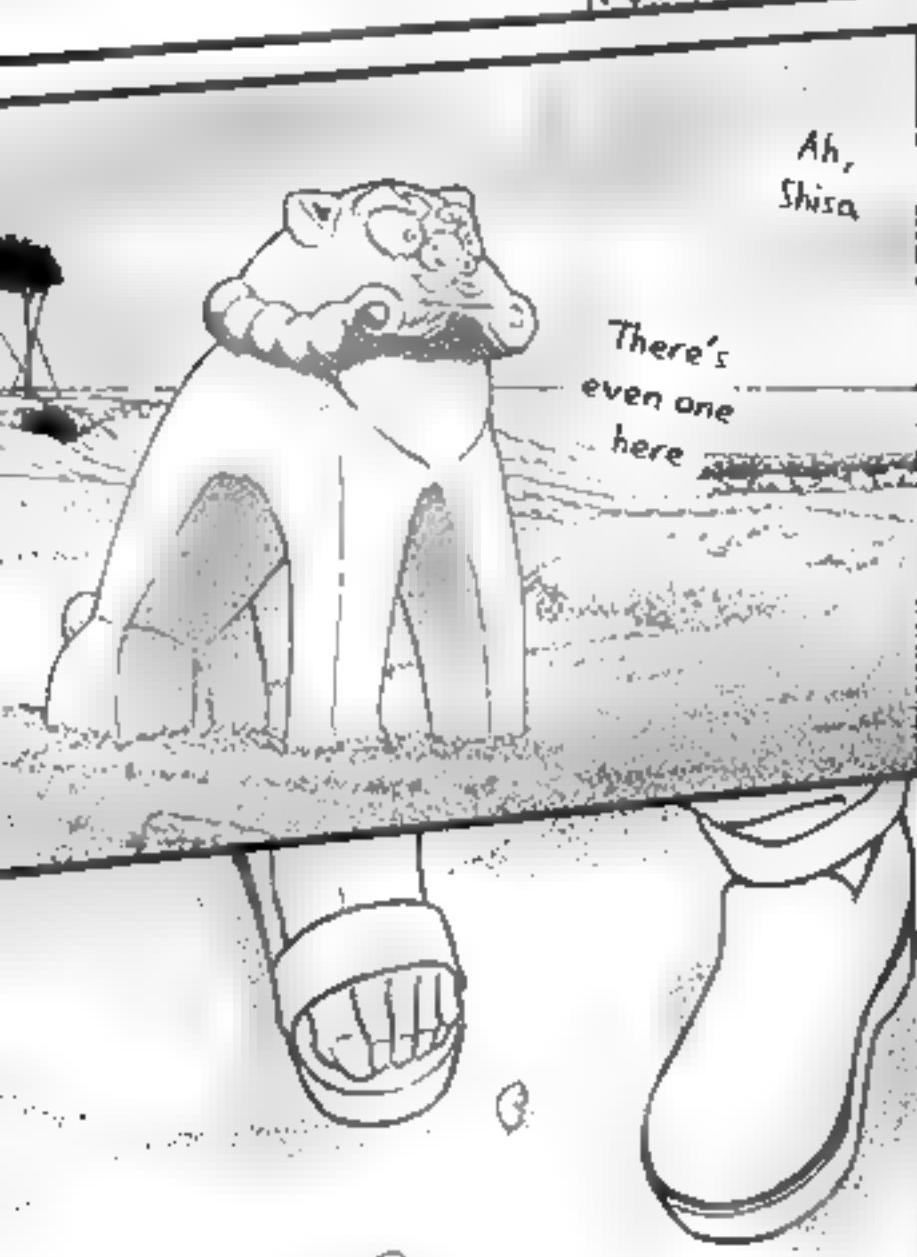






IT'S
BEAUTIFUL.

IT
REALLY
IS.

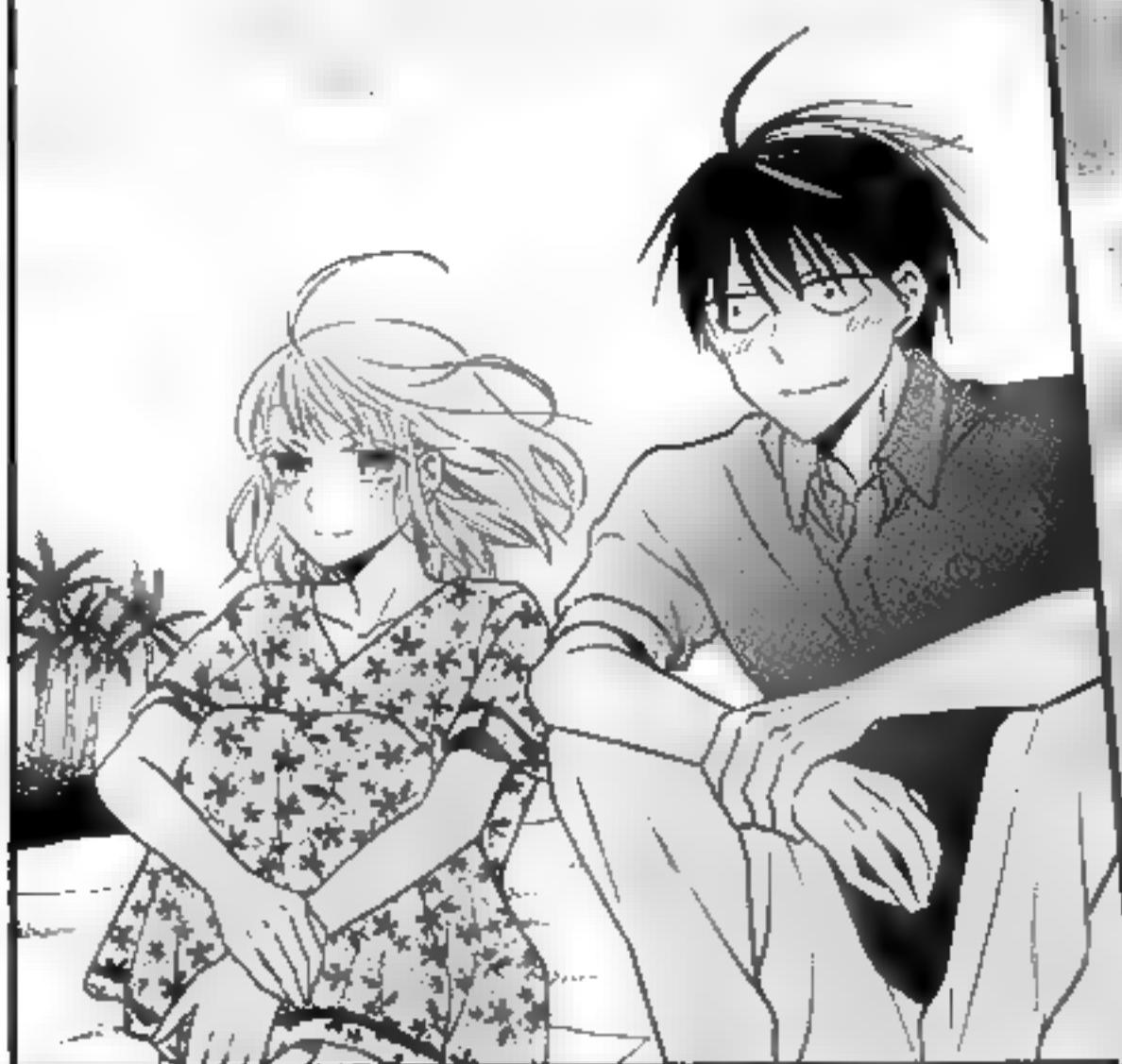


Eh?
Wait
There are
two whale
sharks
So-
So amazing

WUUUUU

WUV

WUUU



THIS
PLACE

REALLY
MAKES TIME
FLY BY.

MHHH.

SQUAWK

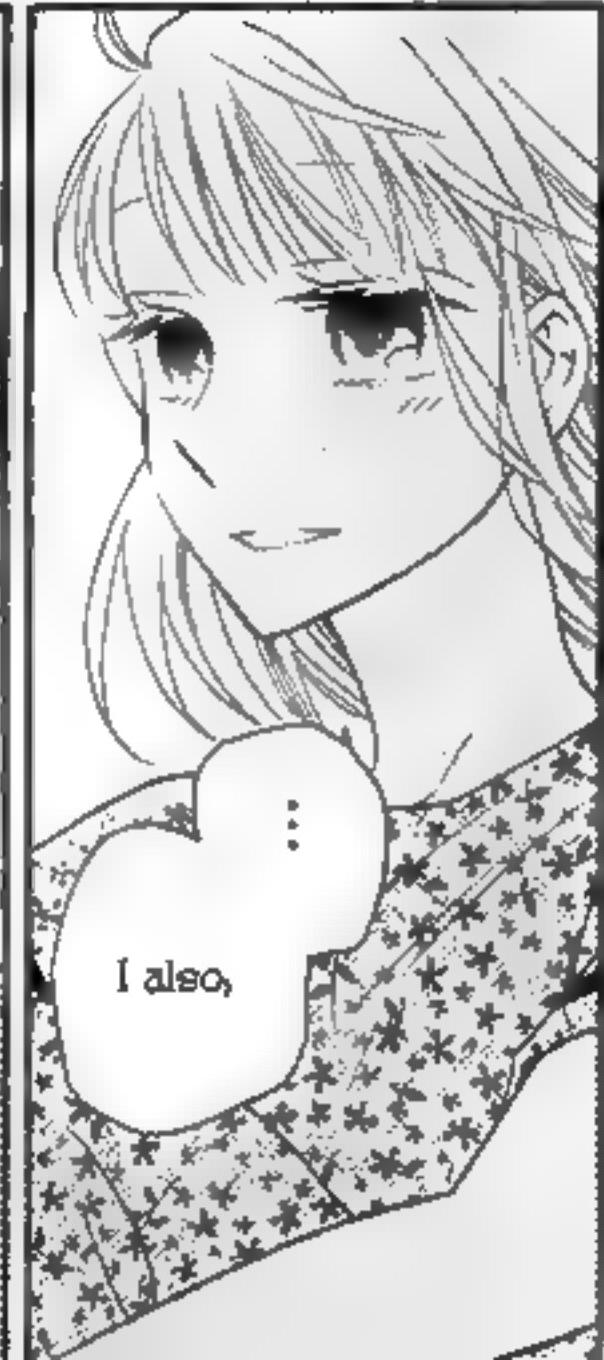
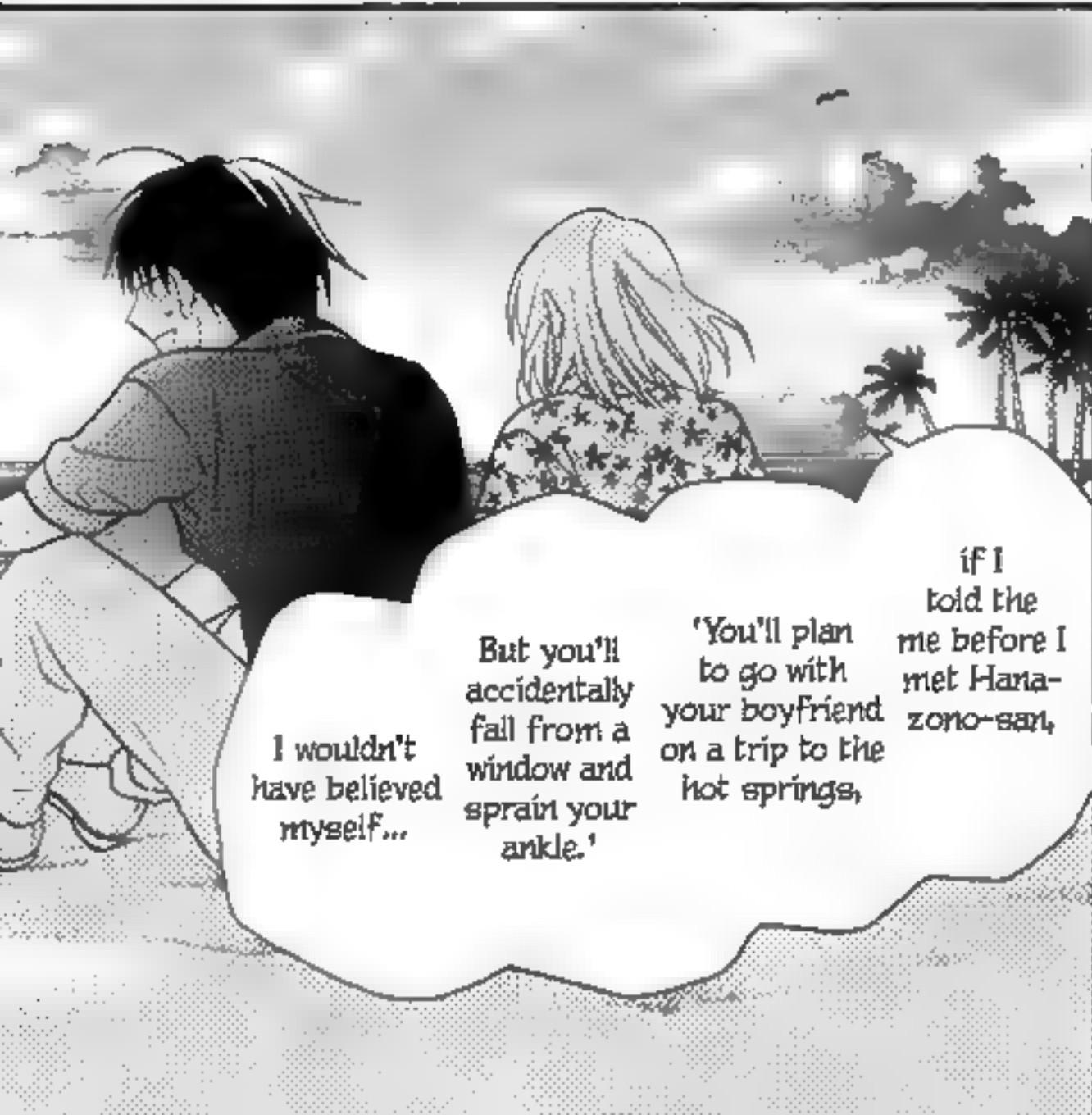
SQUAWK





...If,

The me
before I
met Hiyori-
san,





After meeting
Hanazono-san,

many things
I didn't know
about myself.

I've
discovered
many,

It's all so
amazing.

But I'm
so happy,





I kept
wondering
if someone
like me was
even right
for her,

I felt
insecure.

I was scared
that this good
fortune of mine,

Might actually
just be magic,
and that one day,
it would
disappear.

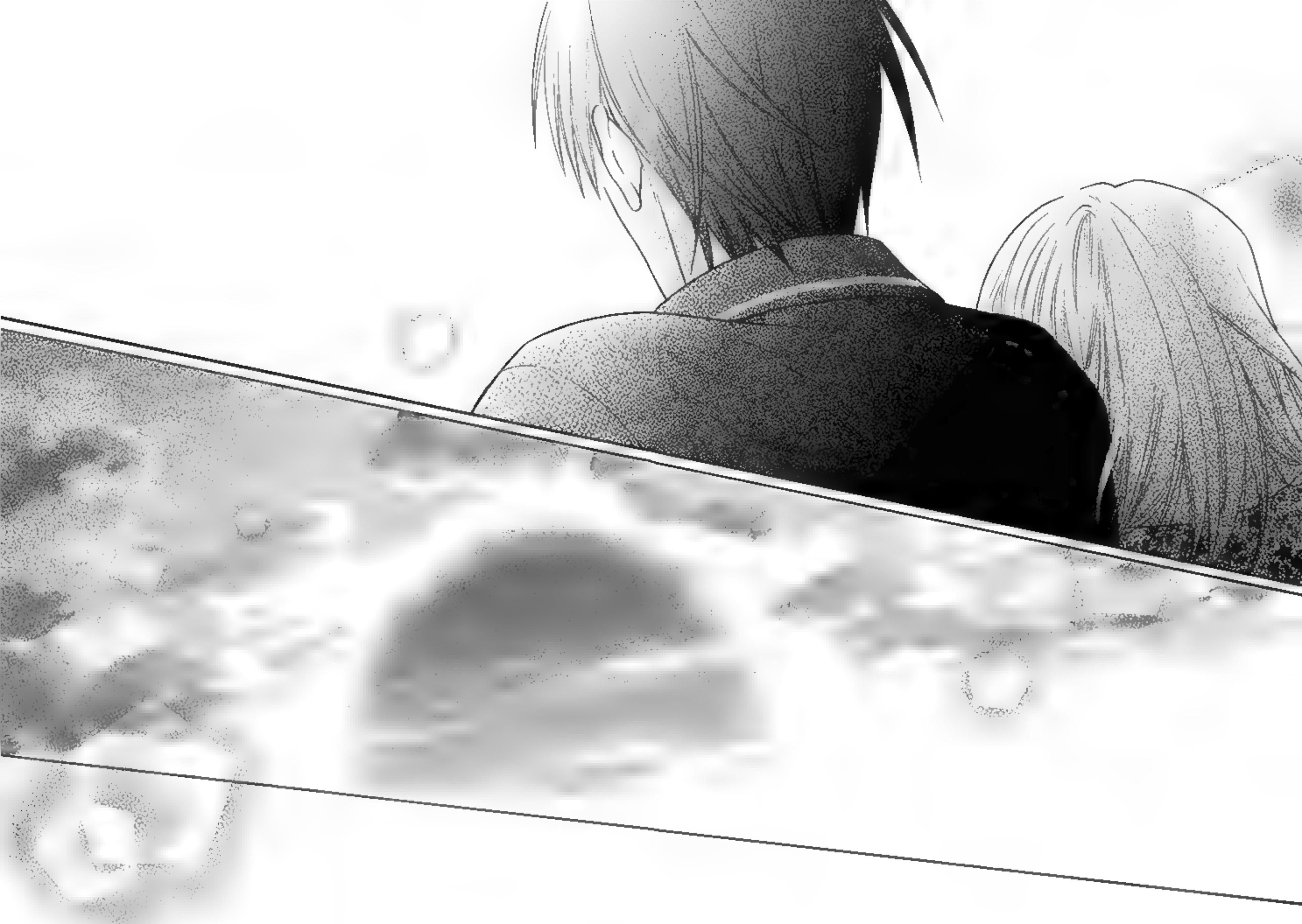
But now,

even if,
we can never
meet again,



This view that
we experienced
together,

I will always,
Remember it,
forever.



DAY OF THE
WEDDING



Hehehe,
we've had this
conversation
several times
already

Thanks!

Now
formal
wear

Congrat-
ulations!

Hanazono-kun,
Higori-chan.

Oh,

Forget me,
come take
a look at
my bride!





Silent Pause



Haraecki...

Hirofumi-kun,

He is reliable,

He is always
pushing me
forward,

and I am
proud to call
him my friend!

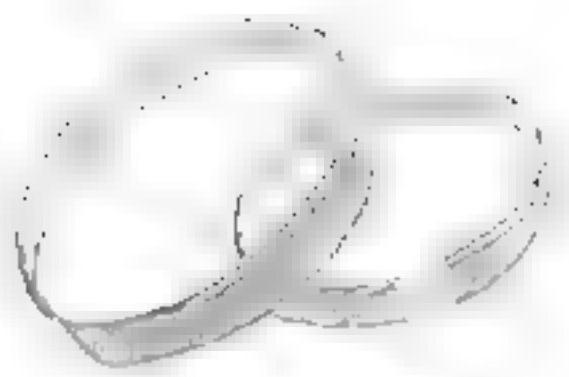
Is that
so?











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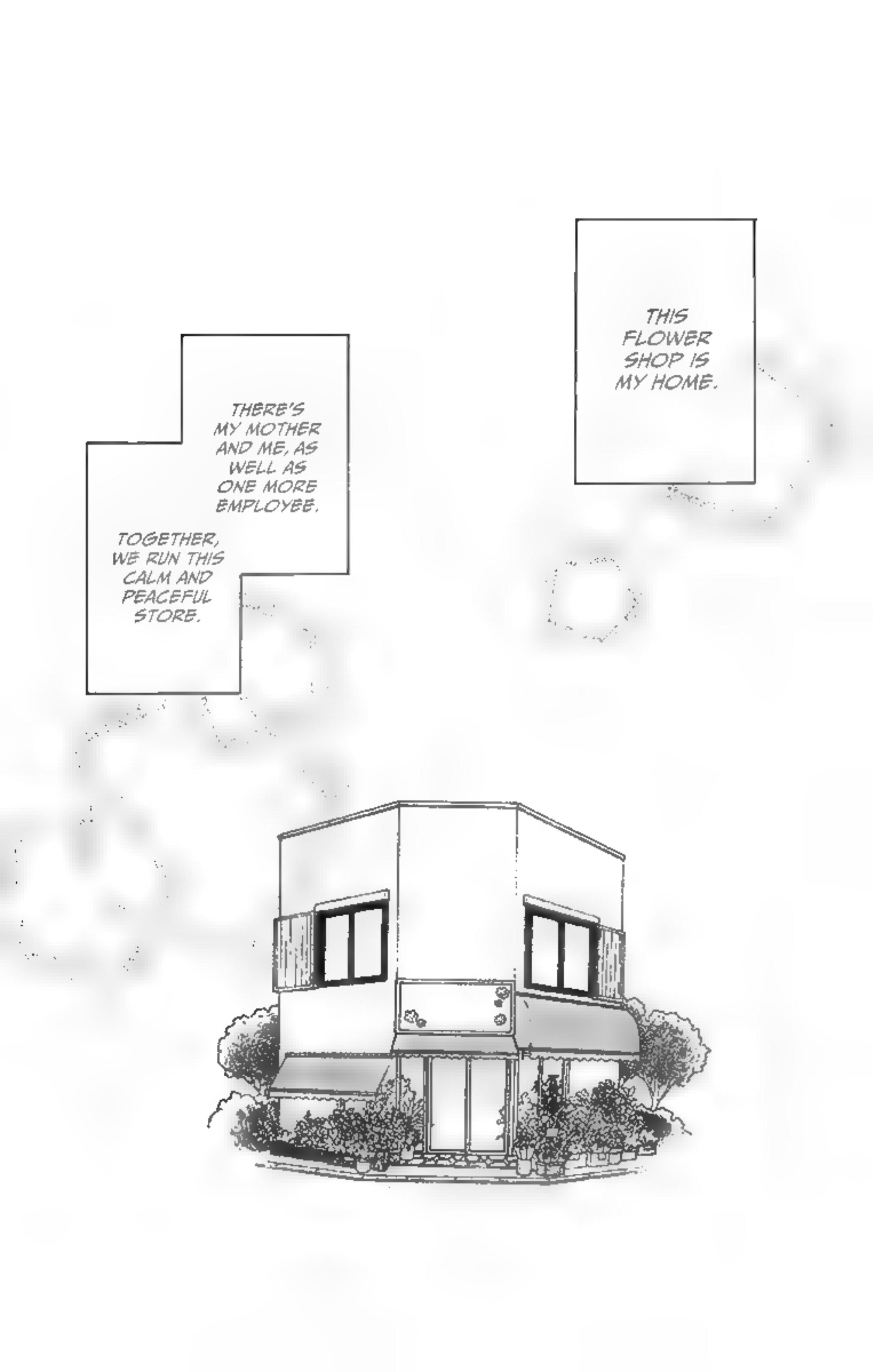
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さい しゅう わ
最終話

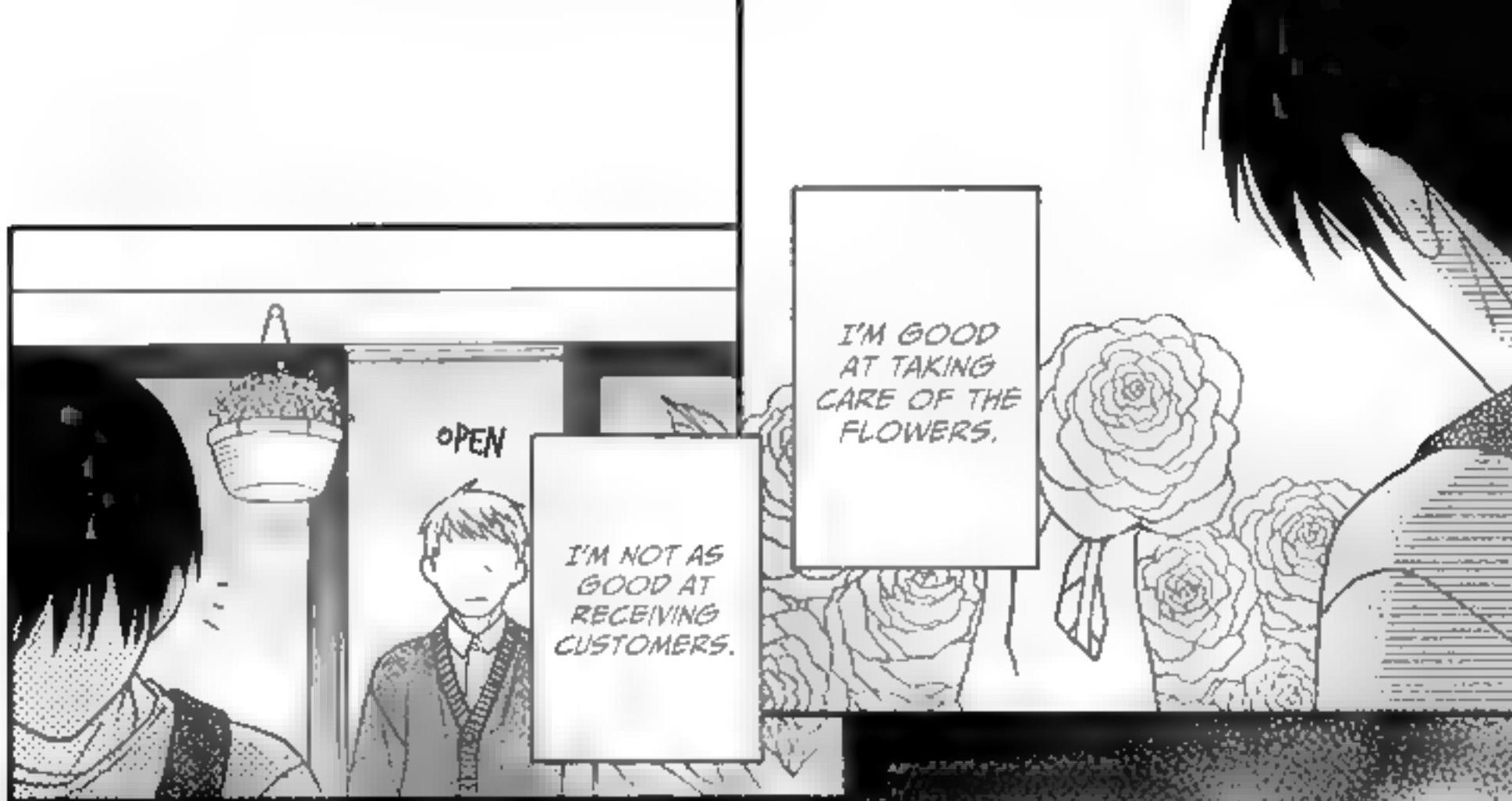
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THIS
FLOWER
SHOP IS
MY HOME.

THERE'S
MY MOTHER
AND ME, AS
WELL AS
ONE MORE
EMPLOYEE.

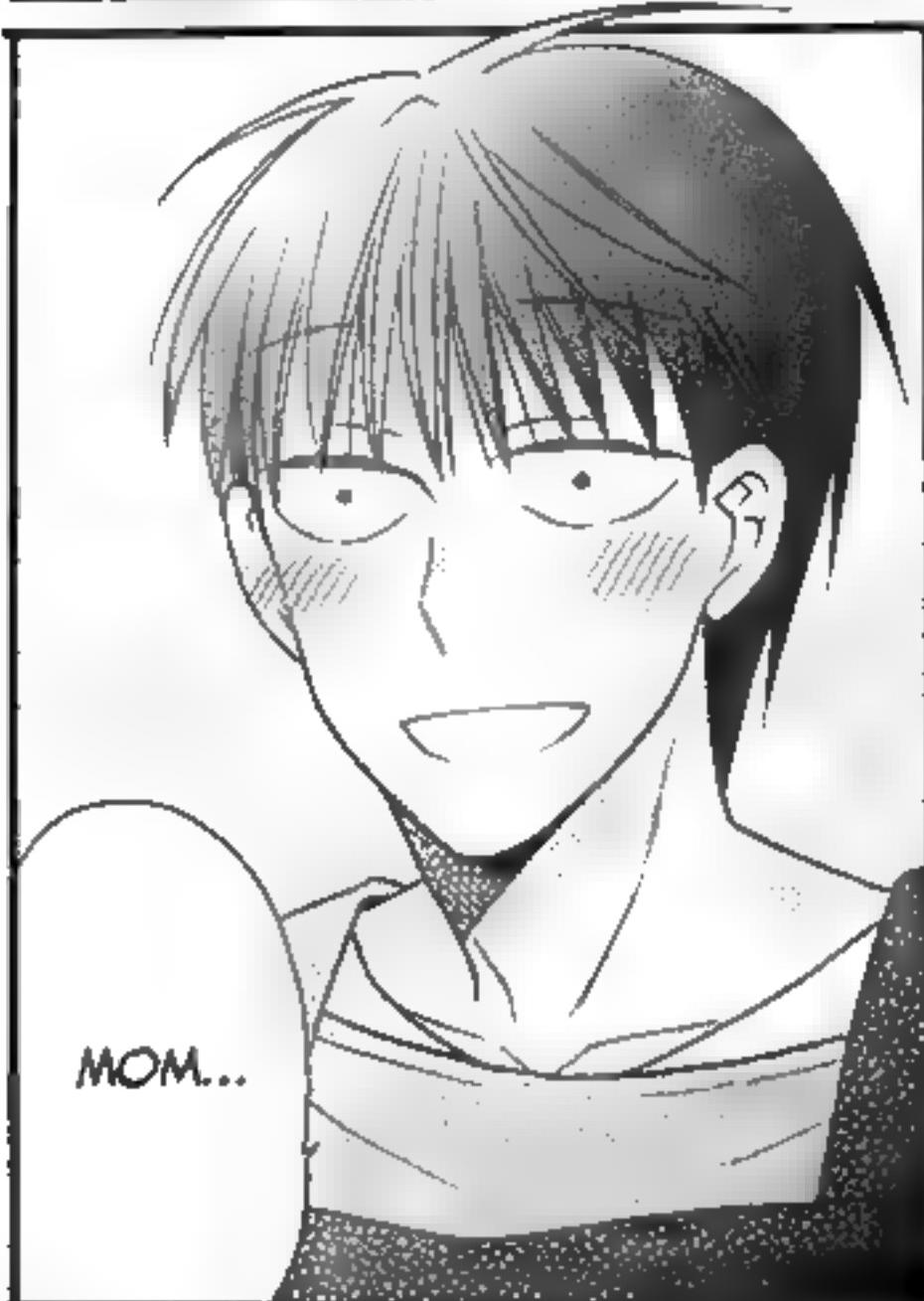
TOGETHER,
WE RUN THIS
CALM AND
PEACEFUL
STORE.

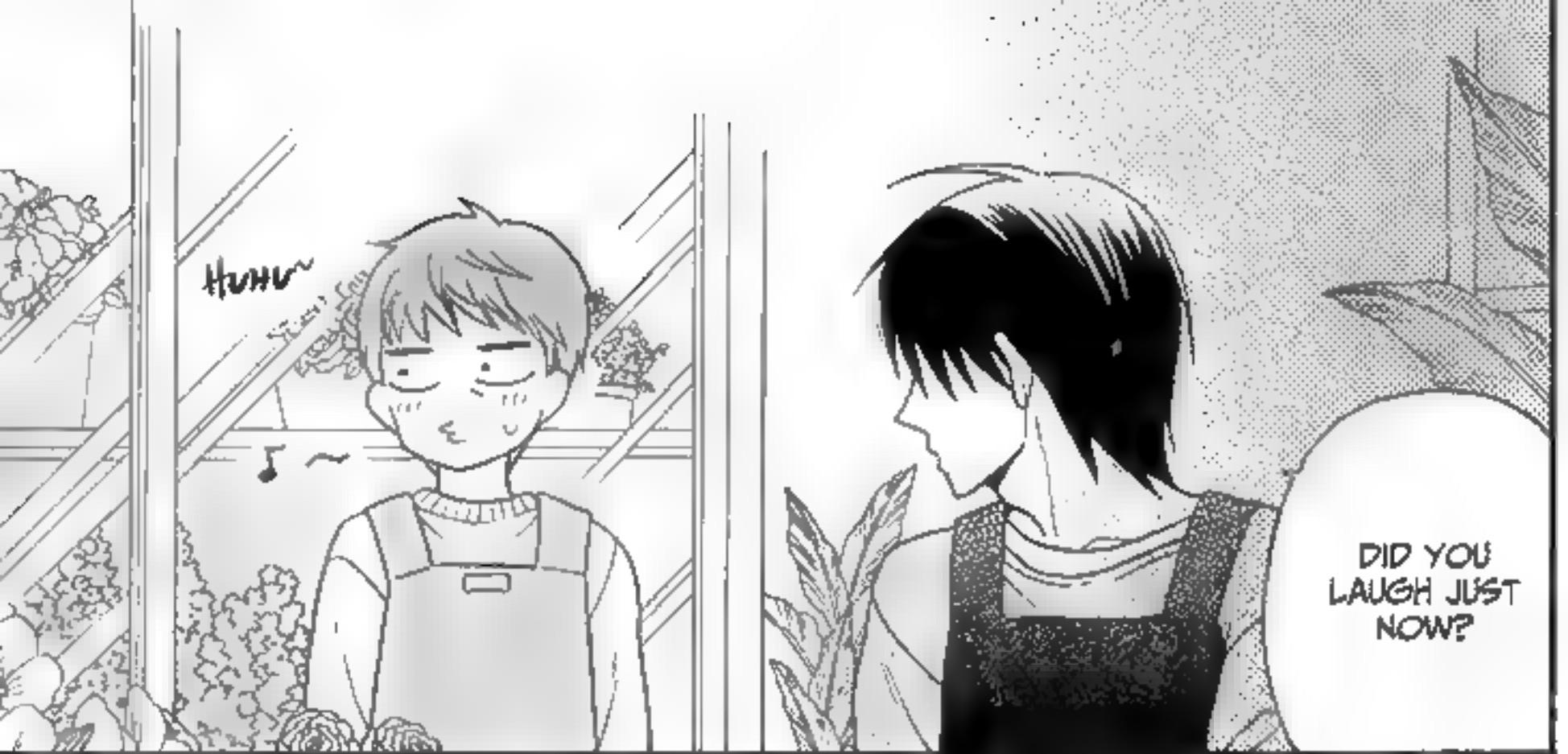














AND
GOING TO
RESTAURANTS
TOGETHER.

RECENTLY,

I'VE
BEEN
GOING
SHOPPING
WITH HIM,

I INTRO-
DUCED
HIM TO MY
FRIENDS'
STORE AS
A PLACE
TO VISIT.

THANKS,

YOU EVEN
INTRODUCED
ME TO A
PLACE TO
STAY IN
OKINAWA.

I SEE.

They're
looking
forward to
your visit

NO
WORRIES,
MY FRIENDS
ARE THANKFUL
AS WELL.



A ONE-PERSON TRIP SOUNDS REALLY FUN.

Now I want one...







You can
decline his
offer to
meet

My brother
is tough that
way

I already
know!

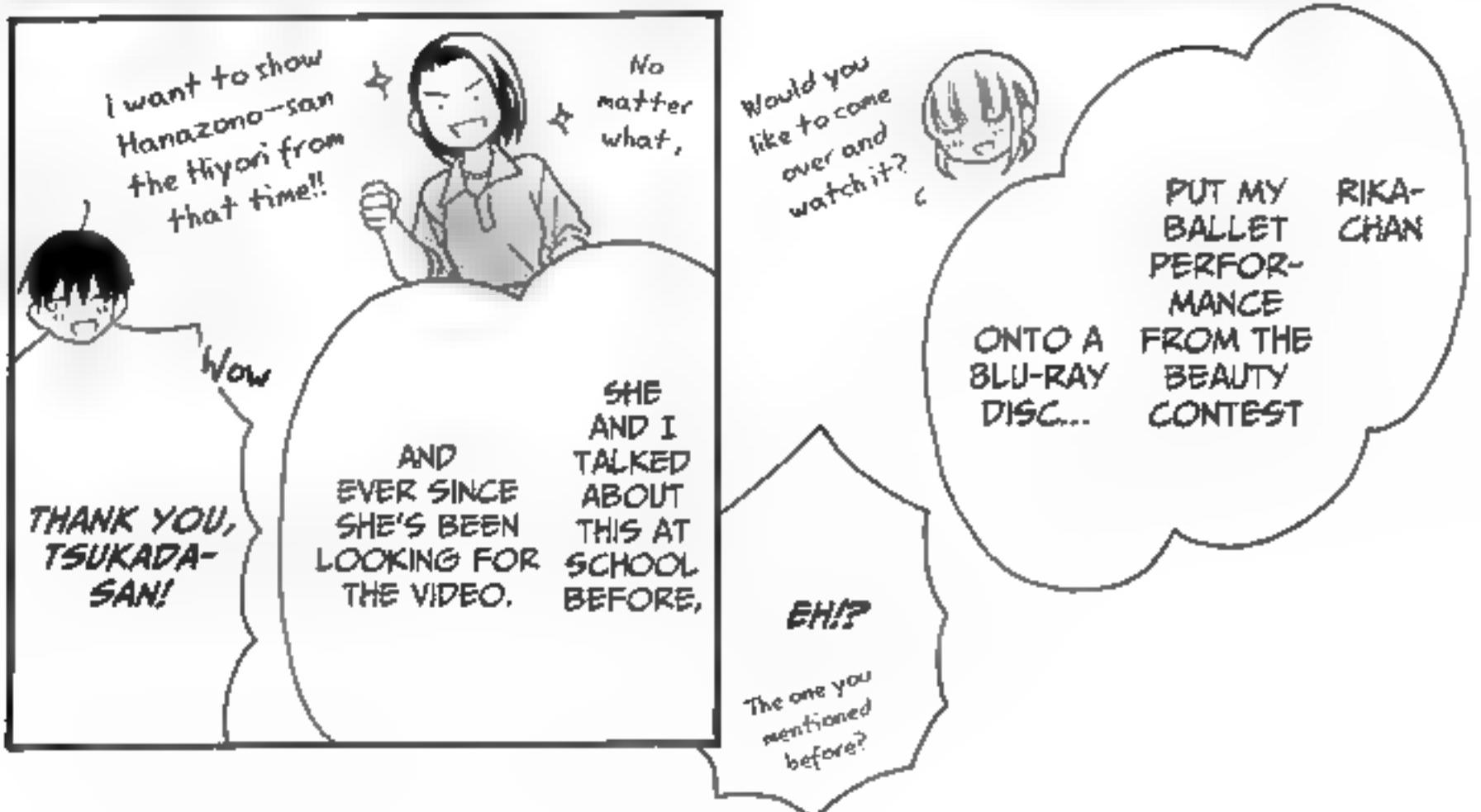
SHE
IS ALSO
MY GIRL-
FRIEND.

SHE'S
CURRENT-
LY JOB
HUNTING.

SUZUKI
HIYORI-
SAN.

SHE IS





At the interview,
there was
this person
sitting next
to me...

By the way,

SEEMS
MORE EN-
ERGETIC
THAN BE-
FORE SHE
STARTED.

NOW
THAT SHE'S
BEGUN HER
JOB-HUNTING
PROCESS,
HIYORI-SAN

Okay!

I'll clear out
my schedule
next Friday!

HIYORI-SAN,
DO YOU HAVE
ANY APPOINT-
MENTS ON
THAT DAY?

IT'S NEXT
WEEK, SO
I'M FREE.

IT LOOKS
LIKE THINGS
ARE GOING
WELL NOW.

BEFORE,
SHE WAS
ALWAYS
STRESSED
ABOUT THE
MEDIA.

I can't
imagine it

WILL SHE
APPEAR
ON TV?

...IF
SHE
GETS
HIRED,



HOW
EVENTS
UNFOLD
FROM
HERE.

I WILL
LOOK
FORWARD
TO

STILL,
NOBODY
KNOWS WHAT
THE FUTURE
HOLDS.







YES-
TERDAY.

We had club
activities
again after
a long time

I had a
feeling it
was going to
work out!

WHEN
WE WERE
PACKING
UP,

THEN, I
GATHERED UP
MY COURAGE
AND TOLD HIM
THAT I LIKE
HIM.

HE KEPT
REPEAT-
ING IT UNTIL
HE STARTED
LAUGHING...

BECAUSE
HE REPLIED
YOU BEAT
ME TO IT!

BUT IT
SEEMS
LIKE
HE WAS
PLANNING
TO CONFESS
TOO.

Waah—
that's
amazing!

I'm so
happy
for you!



it's all so
unbelievable,

I still
feel like

that I
could be
so
fortunate.

is this
okay?

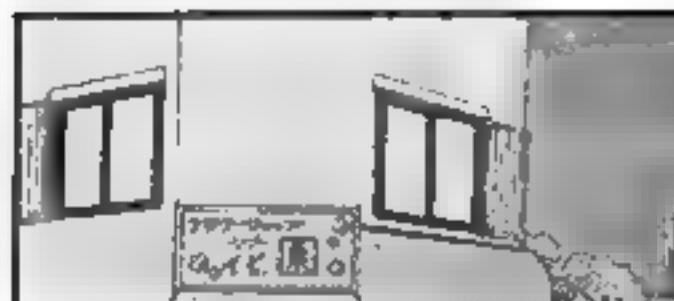
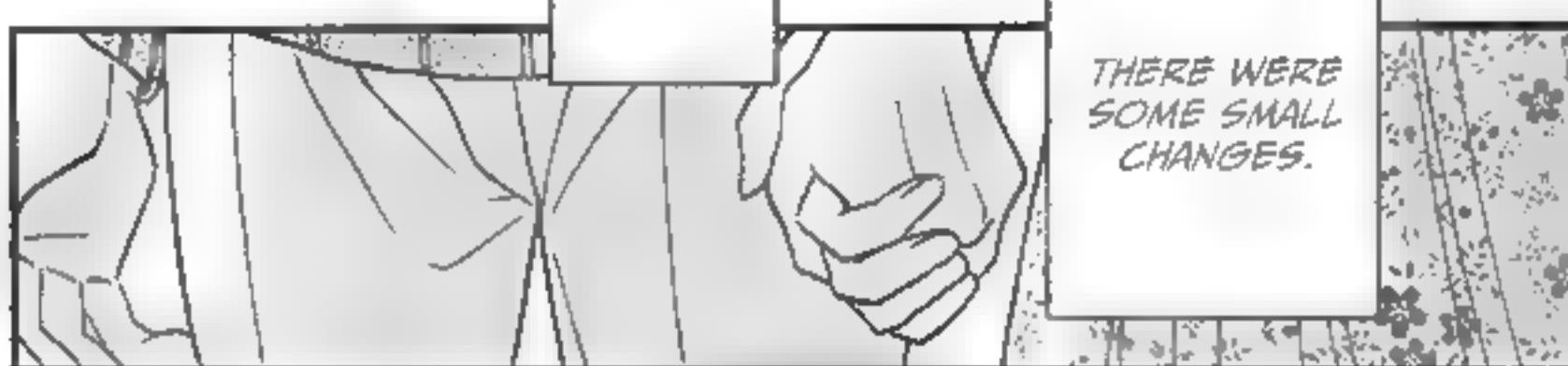




That's
a bit...



CONTINUE
ON



THERE
WERE
ALSO
SOME
THINGS
THAT DIDN'T
CHANGE.

OPEN

FRIDAY

HANA-ZONO-SAN,

WELCOME!

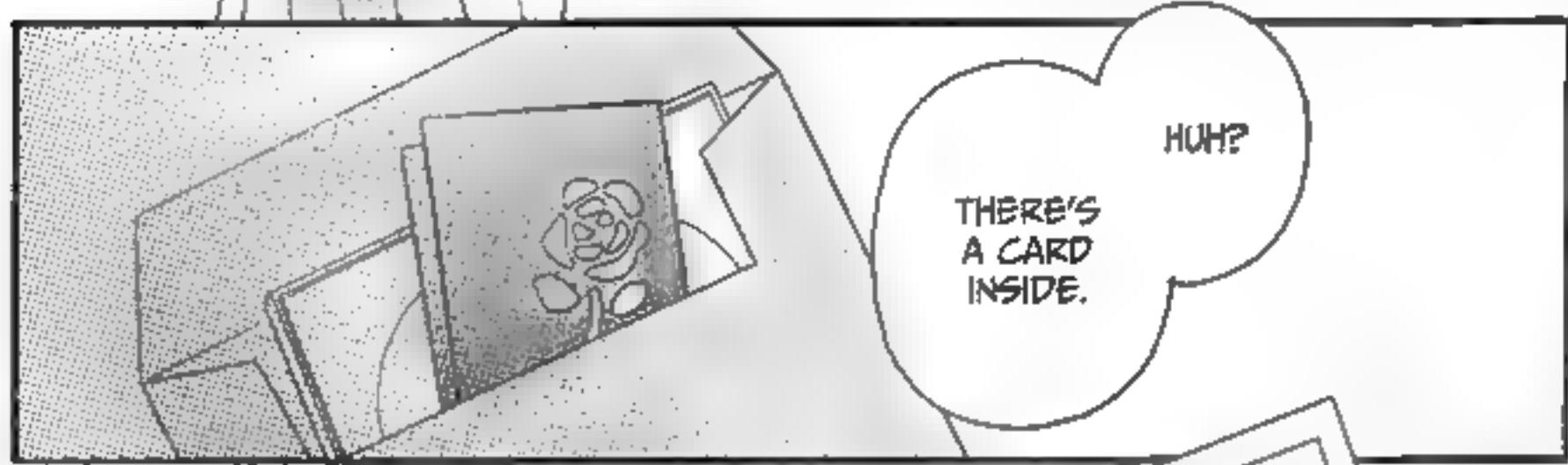
DING DONG

Come
on in

DID
YOU GET
IT...?

HIYORI-SAN,

PLEASE
EXCUSE
ME.



BLUSH

Higori-san,
did you
already
know?

Ah,

Yes...

Ah, is
that why
you picked
today?

c c
Yeah, it's
just one year,
it's nothing to
worry about

Woooh~
I'm sorry,

If's nothing
to make a
fuss about..

No,
actually,

As long
as we can
be together
today, it's
fine

If I had
remembered,
then I would
have prepared
something...

Like cooking
something tasty

Eh?

Today!?

One year
already!?

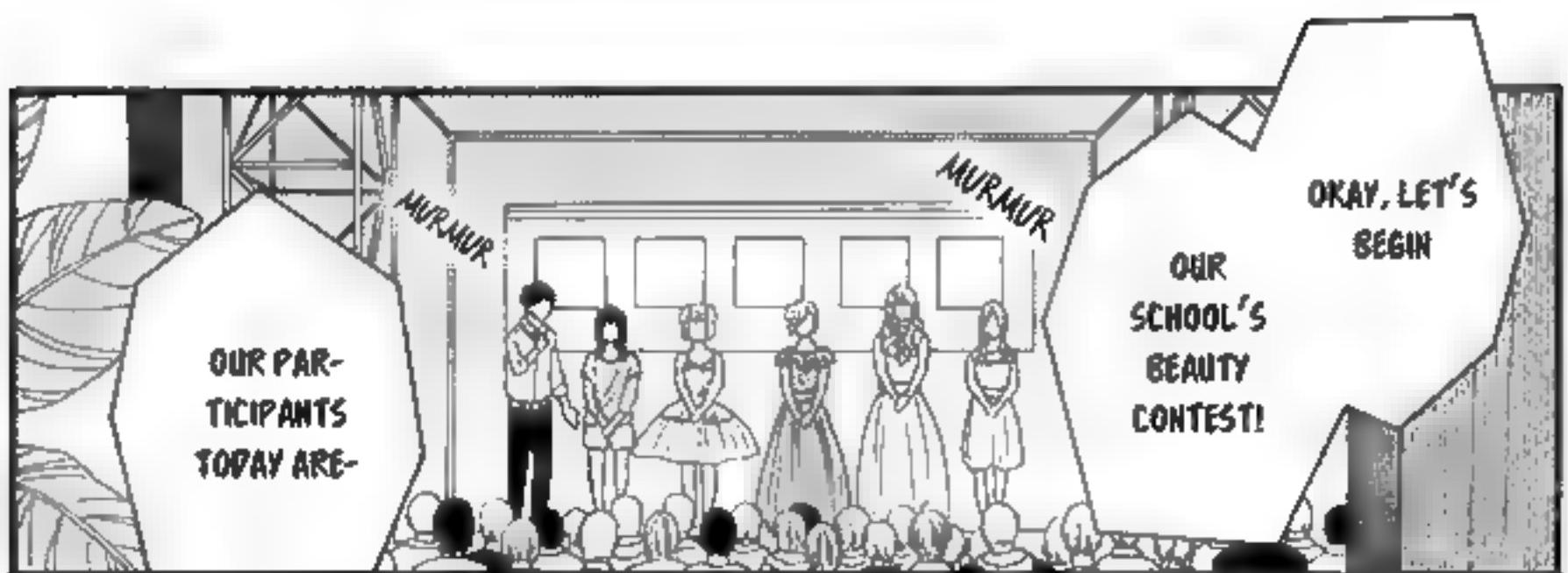


For now

Sounds good!

Let's
do it!

Let's go
watch the
Blu-ray!





THINKING
ABOUT THEM
AND COULDN'T
FORGET.

I KEPT

AND
HEAR-
ING HIS
WORDS,

SEEING
HANAZONO-
SAN'S SMILING
FACE,

IN THE CAR,

BACK THEN,

I COULD
FEEL MY HEART
LEAPING.

WHEN I
THOUGHT
ABOUT ALL
OF THIS,

WHAT
WILL WE
TALK ABOUT
WHEN WE
MEET?

WHAT KIND
OF PERSON
IS HE?

I WOULD
GO FIND THAT
FLORIST AND
MEET UP WITH
HIM.

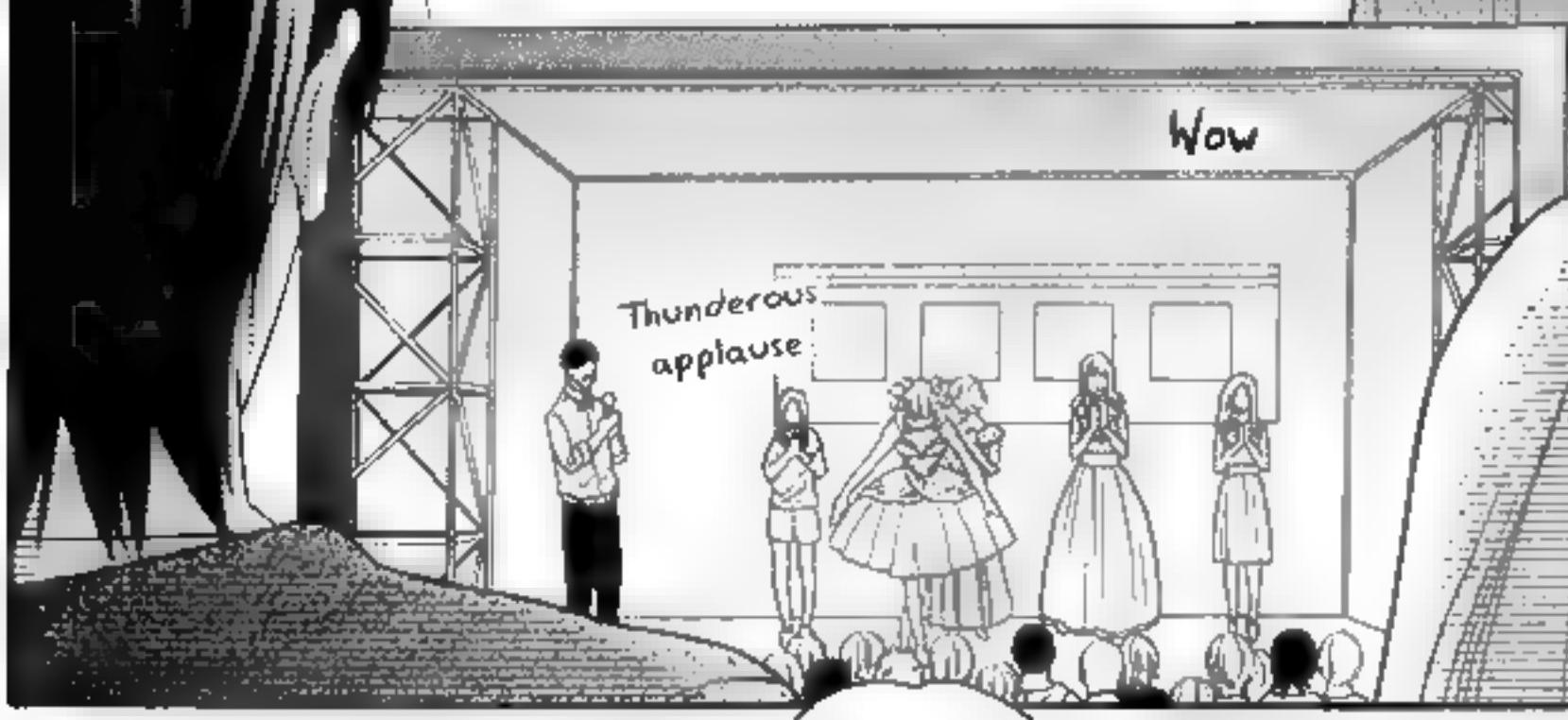
THINKING
ABOUT HOW
AFTER THE
EVENT WAS
OVER,



FINISHED
MY DANCE...

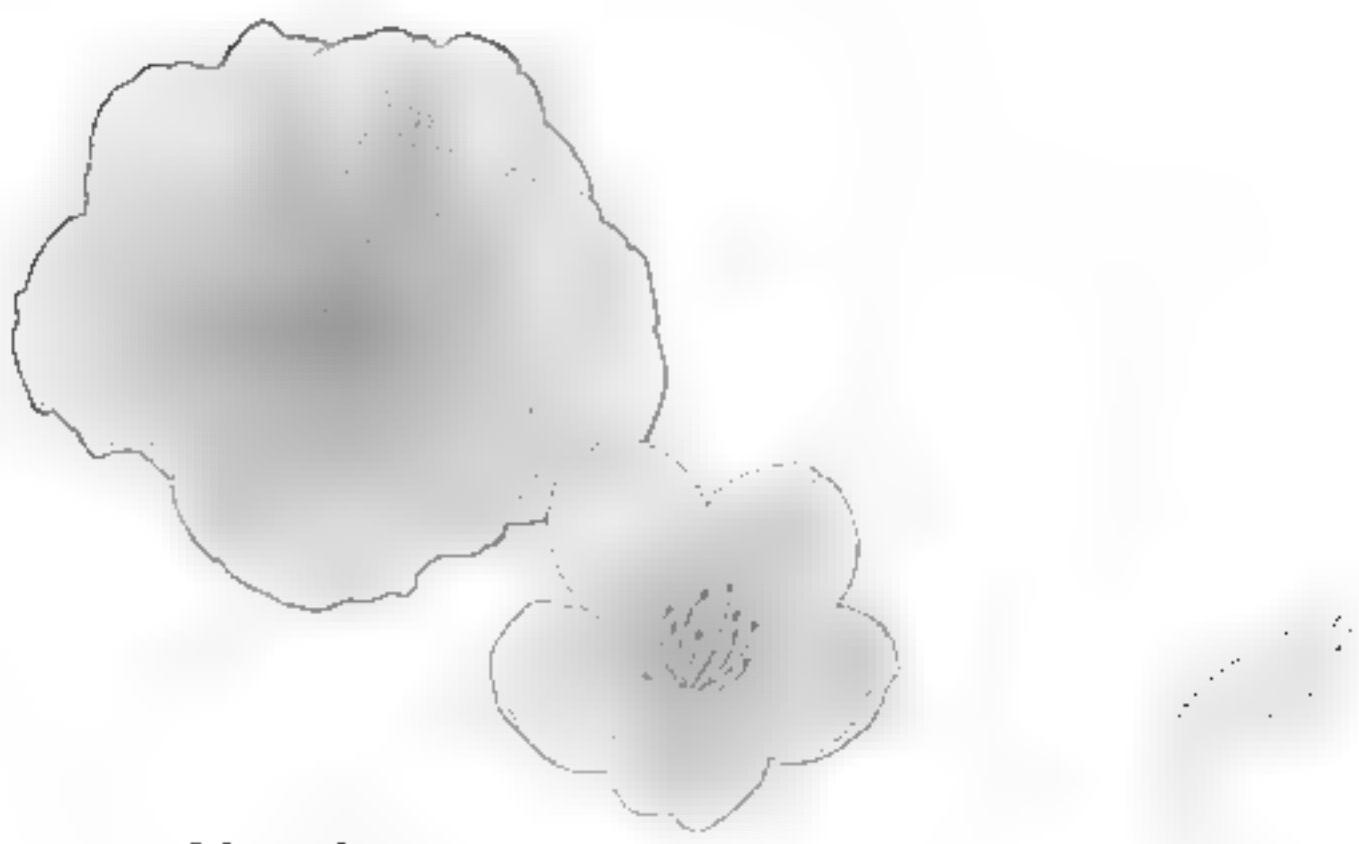
I BLISS-
FULLY

I FELT
OVERJOYED.



So adorable!

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M. NAMIKI

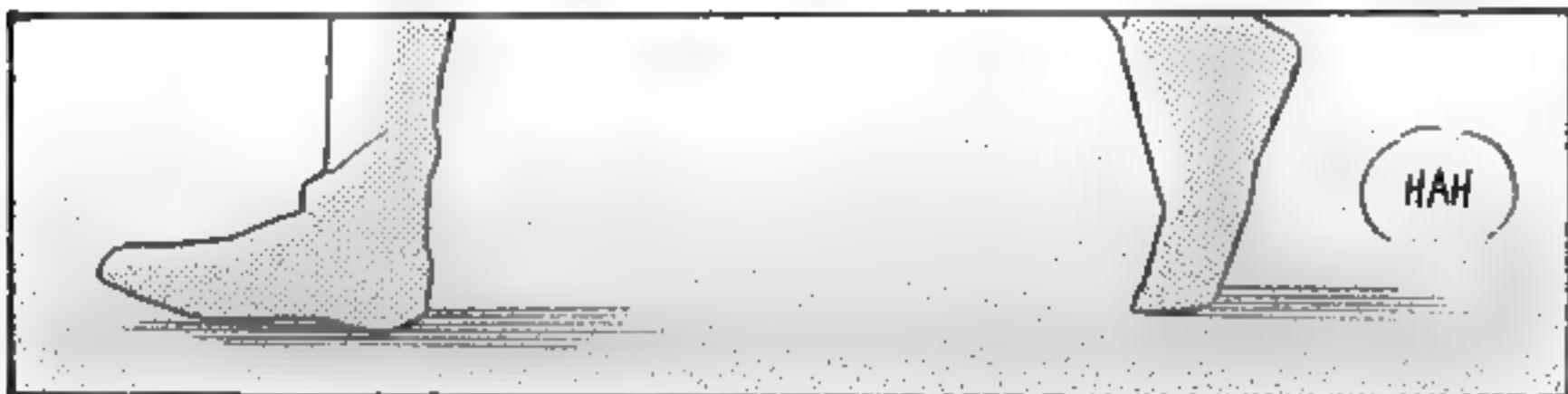
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E. NAGASHIMA



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prologue





BEFORE
GETTING ON
STAGE.

TO
COMPOSE
MYSELF

SO
THEY
CAN'T
BE BAD
PEOPLE.

BUT
THEY
RUN A
FLOWER
SHOP,

✖ SHE ASSUMES.

I'm sorry,
I'll be out
of here
soon.

THE
DOOR
WAS
OPEN

SO I
JUMPED IN
WITHOUT
THINKING...



So why is he messaging me?

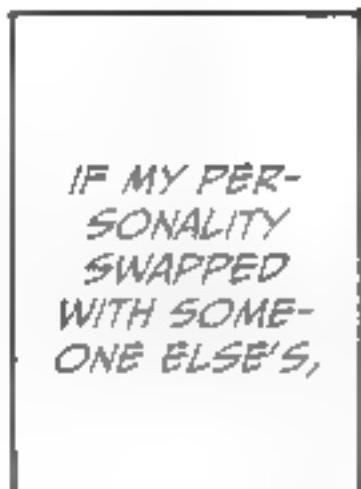
I refused to give him my number.

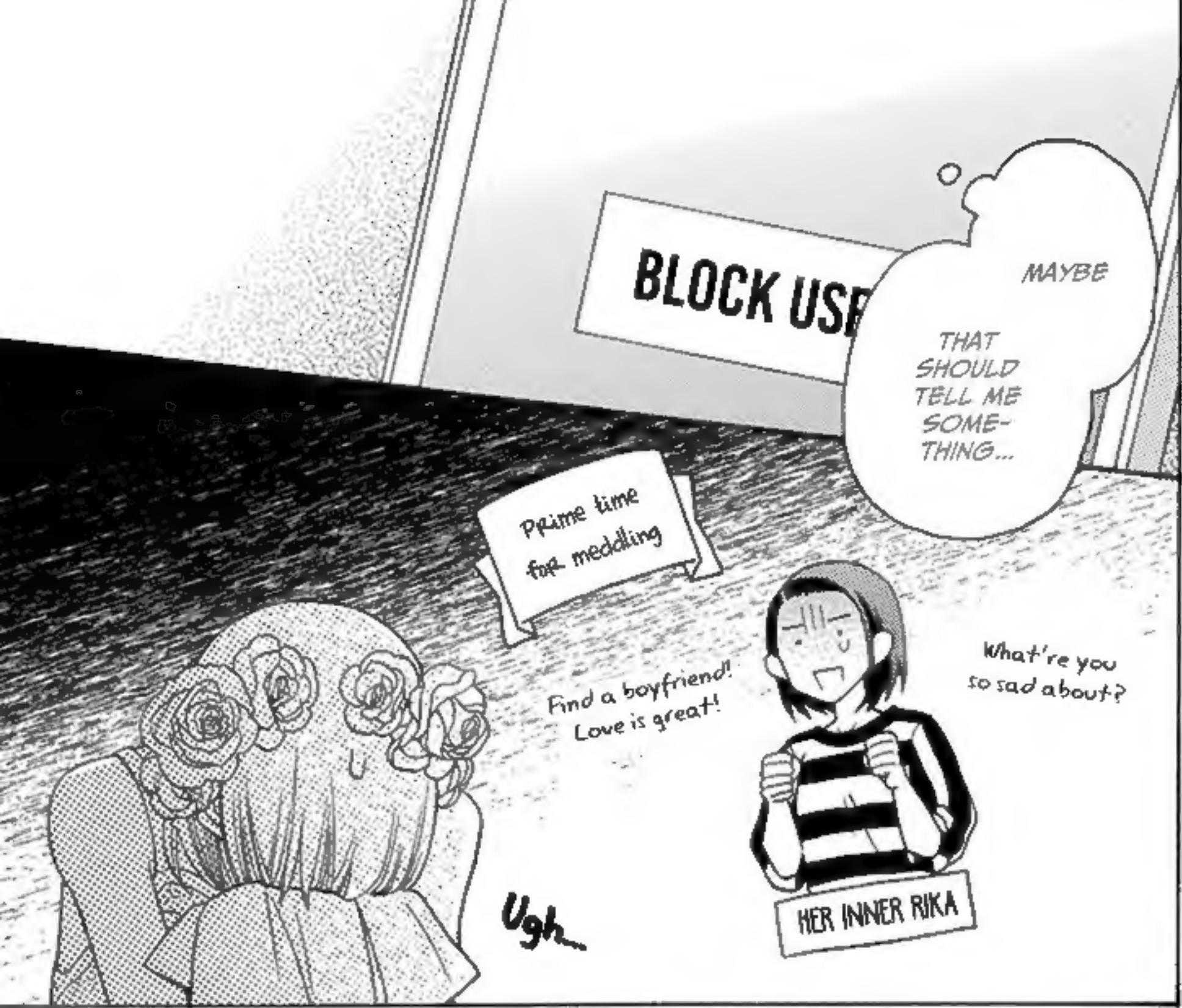
Why...

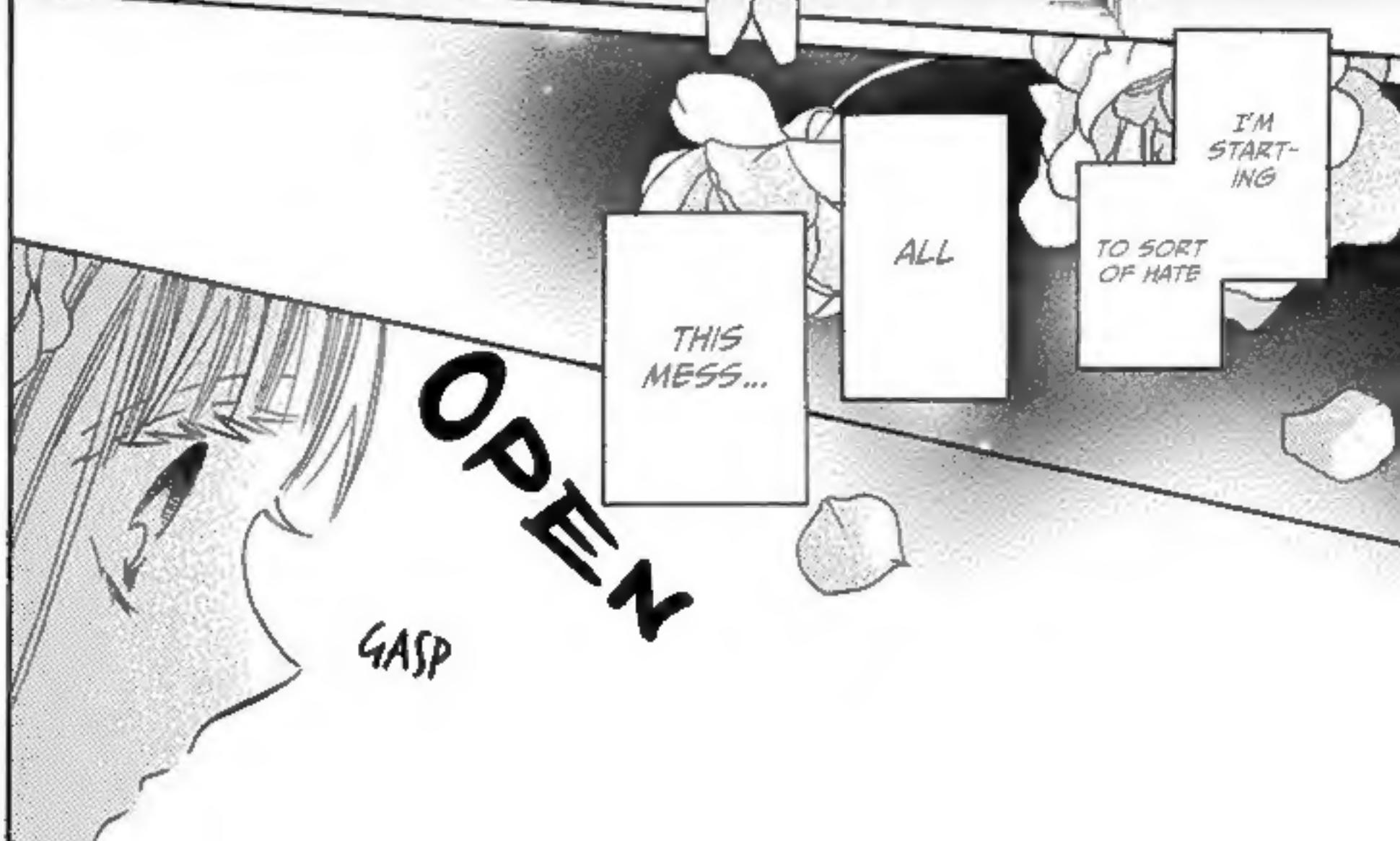
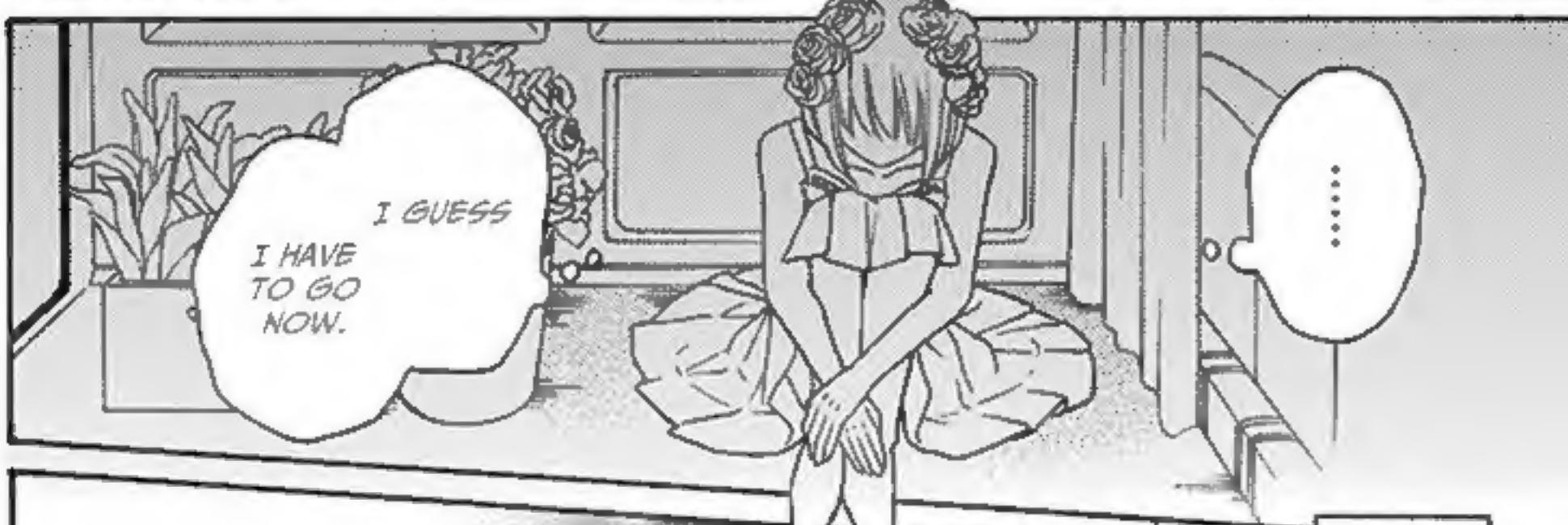
THE CONTEST IS
ABOUT TO START!!
I'M SUUUPER EXCITED ❤️
I'M IN THE VERY FRONT SEAT!!
YOU'LL TOTALLY WIN THIS,
HIYORI, NO DOUBT!!
I'M ROOTING FOR YOU MORE
AN ANYONE! KNOCK 'EM
D!! 💪



I EVEN TOLD HIM THAT
HE WAS BOthering ME.









PROLOGUE END

Afterward Manga

Thank you for purchasing
this final volume of Kawaii Hito.

Hello.
I am Saitou Ken.



I really hope
you enjoyed
reading it as
much as I enjoyed
writing it.

This series
was a joy
to draw.

Thank you
so much for all
your thoughts
and reviews.

It really
motivated
me.

There were
lots of happy
times during the
serialization.



I received
an award...



I'd be glad if we have
an opportunity to meet
again. Until then.

Thank you so much for
coming along with me to
the very end.

